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The invention is described in the following statement:

REGULATION OF GENE EXPRESSION IN PLANTS

This invention relates to methods of modulating the expression of desired genes in plants, and to DNA sequences and genetic constructs for use in these methods. In one preferred embodiment, the invention relates to methods and constructs for targeting of expression specifically to the endosperm of the seeds of cereal plants such as wheat, and for modulating the time of expression in the target tissue. This is achieved by the use of promoter sequences from enzymes of the starch biosynthetic pathway. In preferred embodiments of the invention, the sequences and/or promoters are those of starch branching enzyme I, starch branching enzyme II, soluble starch synthase, and starch debranching enzyme, all derived from *Triticum tauschii*, the D genome donor of hexaploid bread wheat.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Starch is an important constituent of cereal grains and of flours, accounting for about 65-67% of the weight of the grain at maturity. It is produced in the amyloplast of the grain endosperm by the concerted action of a number of enzymes, including ADP-Glucose pyrophosphorylase (EC 2.7.7.27), starch synthases (EC 2.4.1.21), branching enzymes (EC 2.4.1.18) and debranching enzymes (EC 3.2.1.41 and EC 3.2.1.68) (Ball *et al*, 1996; Martin and Smith, 1995; Morell *et al*, 1995). Some of the proteins involved in the synthesis of starch can be recovered from the starch granule (Denyer *et al*, 1995; Rahman *et al*, 1995).

Most wheat cultivars normally produce starch containing 25% amylose and 75% amylopectin. Amylose is composed of large linear chains of α (1-4) linked α -D-glucopyranosyl residues, whereas amylopectin is a branching form of α -glycan linked by α (1-6) linkages. The ratio of amylose and amylopectin, the branch chain length and the

number of branch chains of amylopectin are the major factors which determine the properties of wheat starch.

Starch with various properties has been widely used in industry, food science and medical science. High amylose wheat can be used for plastic substitutes and in paper manufacture to protect the environment; in health foods to reduce bowel cancer and heart disease; and in sports foods to improve the athletes' performance. High amylopectin wheat may be suitable for Japanese noodles, and is used as a thickener in the food industry.

Wheat contains three sets of chromosomes (A, B and D) in its very large genome of about 10^{10} base pairs (bp). The donor of the D genome to wheat is *Triticum tauschii*, and by using a suitable accession of this species the genes from the D genome can be studied separately (Lagudah et al, 1991).

There is comparatively little variation in starch structure found in wheat varieties, because the hexaploid nature of wheat prevents mutations from being readily identified. Dramatic alterations in starch structure are expected to require the combination of homozygous recessive alleles from each of the 3 wheat genomes, A, B and D. This requirement renders the probability of finding such mutants in natural or mutagenised populations of wheat very low. Variation in wheat starch is desirable in order to enable better tailoring of wheat starches for processing and end-user requirements.

Key commercial targets for the manipulation of starch biosynthesis are:

1. "Waxy" wheats in which amylose content is decreased to insignificant levels. This outcome is expected to be obtained by eliminating granule-bound starch synthase activity.
2. High amylose wheats, expected to be obtained by suppressing starch branching enzyme-II activity.

3. Wheats which continue to synthesise starch at elevated temperatures, expected to be obtained by identifying or introducing a gene encoding a heat-stable soluble starch synthase.

4. "Sugary types" of wheat which contain increased amylose content and free sugars, expected to be obtained by manipulating an isoamylase-type debranching enzyme.

There are two general strategies for obtaining wheats with altered starch structure:

(a) using genetic engineering strategies to suppress the activity of a specific gene, or to introduce a novel gene into a wheat line; and

(b) selecting among existing variation in wheat for missing ("null") or altered alleles of a gene in each of the genomes of wheat, and combining these by plant breeding.

Branching enzymes are involved in the production of glucose α (1,6) branches. Of the two main constituents of starch, amylose is essentially linear, but amylopectin is highly branched; thus branching enzymes are thought to be directly involved in the synthesis of amylopectin but not amylose. There are two types of branching enzymes in plants, starch branching enzyme I (SBE I) and starch branching enzyme II (SBE II), and both are about 85 kDa in size. At the nucleic acid level there is about 65% sequence identity between types I and II in the central portion of the molecules; the sequence identity between SBE I from different cereals is about 85% overall (Burton *et al*, 1995; Morell *et al*, 1995).

In cereals, SBE I genes have so far been reported only for rice (Kawasaki *et al*, 1991) and Rahman *et al*, 1997). A cDNA sequence for wheat SBE I is available on the GenBank database (Accession No. Y12320; Repellin A., Nair R.B., Baga M., and Chibbar R.N.: Plant Gene Register PGR97-094, 1997). As far as we are aware, no promoter sequence for wheat SBE I has been reported.

We have characterised an SBE I gene (called *wsBE I-D2*) from *Triticum tauschii*, the donor of the D genome to wheat (Rahman et al, 1997). This gene encoded a protein sequence which had a deletion of approximately 65 amino acids at the C-terminal end, and appeared not to contain some of the conserved amino acid motifs characteristic of this class of enzyme (Svensson, 1994). Although *wsBE I-D2* was expressed as mRNA, no corresponding protein has yet been found in our analysis of SBE I isoforms from the endosperm, and thus it is possible that this gene is a transcribed pseudogene.

Genes for SBE II are less well characterised; no genomic sequences are available, although SBE II cDNAs from rice (Mizuno et al, 1993; Accession No. D16201) and maize (Fisher et al, 1993; Accession No. L08065) have been reported. In addition, a cDNA sequence for SBE II from wheat is available on the GenBank database (Nair et al, 1997; Accession No. Y11282); although the sequences are very similar to those reported herein, there are differences near the N-terminal of the protein, which specifies its intracellular location. No promoter sequences have been reported, as far as we are aware.

Wheat granule-bound starch synthase (GBSS) is responsible for amylose synthesis, while wheat branching enzymes together with soluble starch synthases are considered to be directly involved in amylopectin biosynthesis. A number of isoforms of soluble and granule-bound starch synthases have been identified in developing wheat endosperm (Denyer et al, 1995). There are three distinct isoforms of starch synthases, 60 kDa, 75 or 77 kDa and 100-105 kDa, which exist in the starch granules (Denyer et al, 1995; Rahman et al, 1995). The 60 kDa GBSS is the product of the *wx* gene. The 75 or 77 kDa protein is a wheat soluble starch synthase (SSS) which is present in both the soluble fraction and the starch granule-bound fraction of the endosperm. However, the 100-105 kDa proteins, which are another type of soluble starch

synthase, are located only in starch granules (Denyer *et al*, 1995; Rahman *et al*, 1995). To our knowledge there has been no report of any complete wheat SSS sequence, either at the protein or the nucleotide level.

Both cDNA and genomic DNA encoding a soluble starch synthase I of rice have been cloned and analysed (Baba *et al*, 1993; Tanaka *et al*, 1995). The cDNAs encoding potato soluble starch synthase SSSII and SSSIII and pea soluble starch synthase SSSII have also been reported (Edwards *et al*, 1995; Marshall *et al*, 1996; Gernot *et al*, 1996; Dry *et al*, 1992). However, corresponding full length cDNA sequences for wheat have hitherto not been available, although a partial cDNA sequence (Accession No. U48227) has been released to the GenBank database.

Approach (b) referred to above has been demonstrated for the gene for granule-bound starch synthase. Null alleles on chromosomes 7A, 7D and 4A were identified by the analysis of GBSS protein bands by electrophoresis, and combined by plant breeding to produce a wheat line containing no GBSS, and no amylose (Nakamura *et al*, 1995). Subsequently, PCR-based DNA markers have been identified, which also identify null alleles for the GBSS loci on each of the three wheat genomes. However, in view of the complexity of the gene families, particularly SBE I, without the ability to target regions which are unique to genes expressed in endosperm, modification of wheat by combination of null alleles of several enzymes in general represents an almost impossible task.

Despite the availability of a considerable amount of information in the prior art, major problems remain. Firstly, the presence of three separate sets of chromosomes in wheat makes genetic analysis in this species extraordinarily complex. This is further complicated by the fact that a number of enzymes are involved in starch synthesis, and each of these enzymes itself is present in a number of forms, and in a number of locations within the plant cell. Little, if any, information has been available

as to which specific form of each enzyme is expressed in endosperm. For wheat, a limited amount of nucleic acid sequence information is available, but this is only cDNA sequence; no genomic sequence, and consequently no information regarding promoters and other control sequences, is available. Without being able to demonstrate that the endosperm-specific gene within a family has been isolated, such sequence information is of limited practical usefulness.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In this application we report the isolation and identification of novel genes from *T. tauschii*, the D-genome donor of wheat, that encode SBE I, SBE II, a 75 kDa SSS, and an isoamylase-type debranching enzyme (DBE). Because of the very close relationship between *T. tauschii* and wheat, as discussed above, results obtained with *T. tauschii* can be directly applied to wheat with little if any modification. Such modification as may be required represents routine trial and error experimentation. Sequences from these genes can be used as probes to identify null or altered alleles in wheat, which can then be used in plant breeding programmes to provide modifications of starch characteristics. The novel sequences of the invention can be used in genetic engineering strategies or to introduce a desired gene into a host plant, to provide antisense sequences for suppression of one or more specific genes in a host plant, in order to modify the characteristics of starch produced by the plant.

By using *T. tauschii*, we have been able to examine a single genome, rather than three as in wheat, and to identify and isolate the forms of the starch synthesis genes which are expressed in endosperm. By addressing genomic sequences we have been able to isolate tissue-specific promoters for the relevant genes, which provides a mechanism for simultaneous manipulation of a number of

genes in the endosperm. The ability to target regions which are unique to the endosperm-expressed genes enables us to combine null alleles of several enzymes. Because *T. tauschii* is so closely related to wheat, results obtained with this model system are directly applicable to wheat, and we have confirmed this experimentally. The genomic sequences which we have determined can also be used as probes for the identification and isolation of corresponding sequences, including promoter sequences, from other cereal plant species.

In its most general aspect, the invention provides a nucleic acid sequence encoding an enzyme of the starch biosynthetic pathway in a cereal plant, said enzyme being selected from the group consisting of starch branching enzyme I, starch branching enzyme II, starch soluble synthase, and debranching enzyme, with the proviso that the enzyme is not soluble starch synthase I of rice, or starch branching enzyme I of rice or maize.

Preferably the nucleic acid sequence is a DNA sequence, and may be genomic DNA or cDNA. Preferably the sequence is one which is functional in wheat. More preferably the sequence is derived from *Triticum* species, most preferably *Triticum tauschii*.

Where the sequence encodes soluble starch synthase, preferably the sequence encodes the 75 kD soluble starch synthase of wheat.

Biologically-active untranslated control sequences of genomic DNA are also within the scope of the invention. Thus the invention also provides the promoter of an enzyme as defined above.

In a preferred embodiment of this aspect of the invention, there is provided a genetic construct comprising a nucleic acid sequence of the invention, a biologically-active fragment thereof, or a fragment thereof encoding a biologically-active fragment of an enzyme as defined above, operably linked to one or more nucleic acid sequences facilitating expression of said enzyme in a plant,

preferably a cereal plant. The construct may be a plasmid or a vector, preferably one suitable for use in transformation of plant. Such a suitable vector is a bacterium of the genus *Agrobacterium*, preferably *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*. Methods of transforming cereal plants using *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* are known; see for example Australian Patent No. 667939 by Japan Tobacco Inc., and Tingay *et al* (1997).

In a second aspect, the invention provides a genetic construct for targeting of a desired gene to endosperm of a cereal plant, and/or for modulating the time of expression of a desired gene in endosperm of a cereal plant, comprising one or more promoter sequences selected from SBE I promoter, SBE II promoter, SSS promoter, and DBE promoter, operatively linked to a nucleic acid sequence encoding a desired protein, and optionally also operatively linked to one or more additional targeting sequences and/or one or more 3' untranslated sequences.

The nucleic acid encoding the desired protein may be in either the sense orientation or in the antisense orientation. Preferably the desired protein is an enzyme of the starch biosynthetic pathway. For example, the antisense sequences of GBSS, starch debranching enzyme, SBE II, low molecular weight glutenin, or grain softness protein I, may be used. Preferred sequences for use in sense orientation include those of bacterial isoamylase, bacterial glycogen synthase, or wheat high molecular weight glutenin Bx17. It is contemplated that any desired protein which is encoded by a gene which is capable of being expressed in the endosperm of a cereal plant is suitable for use in the invention.

In a third aspect, the invention provides a method of modifying the characteristics of starch produced by a plant, comprising the step of:

(a) introducing a gene encoding a desired enzyme of the starch biosynthetic pathway into a host plant, and/or

(b) introducing an anti-sense nucleic acid sequence directed to a gene encoding an enzyme of the starch biosynthetic pathway into a host plant,

wherein said enzymes are as defined above.

Where both steps (a) and (b) are used, the enzymes in the two steps are different.

Preferably the plant is a cereal plant, more preferably wheat or barley.

As is well known in the art, anti-sense sequences can be used to suppress expression of the protein to which the anti-sense sequence is complementary. It would be evident to the person skilled in the art that different combinations of sense and anti-sense sequences may be chosen so as to effect a variety of different modifications of the characteristics of the starch produced by the plant.

In a fourth aspect, the invention provides a method of targeting expression of a desired gene to the endosperm of a cereal plant, comprising the step of transforming the plant with a construct according to the invention.

According to a fifth aspect, the invention provides a method of modulating the time of expression of a desired gene in endosperm of a cereal plant, comprising the step of transforming the plant with a construct according to the second aspect of the invention.

Where expression at an early stage following anthesis is desired, the construct preferably comprises the SBE II promoter. Where expression at a later stage following anthesis is desired, the construct preferably comprises the SBE I promoter.

In a sixth aspect, the invention provides a method of identifying a null or altered allele encoding an enzyme of the starch biosynthetic pathway, comprising the steps of subjecting DNA from a plant suspected to possess such an allele to a DNA fingerprinting assay, wherein DNA probes used in the assay comprise one or more of the nucleic acid sequences of the invention. The nucleic acid

sequence may be a genomic DNA or a cDNA, and may comprise the full-length coding sequence or a fragment thereof.

DNA fingerprinting methods are well known in the art, and any suitable technique may be used.

While the invention is described in detail in relation to wheat, it will be clearly understood that it is also applicable to other cereal plants of the family Gramineae, such as maize, barley and rice.

Methods for transformation of monocotyledonous plants such as wheat, maize, barley and rice and for regeneration of plants from protoplasts or immature plant embryos are well known in the art. See for example Lazzeri et al, 1991; Jahne et al, 1991 and Wan and Lenaux, 1994 for barley; Wirtzens et al, 1997; Tingay et al, 1997; Canadian Patent Application No. 2092588 by Nehra; Australian Patent Application No. 61781/94 by National Research Council of Canada, and Australian Patent No. 667939 by Japan Tobacco Co.

The sequences of ADP glucose pyrophosphorylase from barley (Australian Patent Application No. 65392/94), starch debranching enzyme and its promoter from rice (Japanese Patent Publication No. Kokai 6261787 and Japanese Patent Publication No. Kokai 5317057), and starch debranching enzyme from spinach and potato (Australian Patent Application No. 44333/96) are all known.

Detailed Description of the Drawings

The invention will be described in detail by reference only to the following non-limiting examples and to the figures.

Figure 1 shows the hybridisation of genomic clones isolated from *T. tauschii*.

DNA was extracted from the different clones, digested with *BamHI* and hybridised with the 5' end of the maize SBE I cDNA. Lanes 1, 2, 3 and 4 correspond to DNA from clones λ E1, λ E2, λ E6 and λ E7 respectively. Note that clones λ E1 and λ E2 give identical patterns, the SBE I gene

in λ E6 is a truncated form of that in λ E1, and λ E7 gives a clearly different pattern.

Figure 2 shows the hybridisation of DNA from *T. tauschii*.

DNA from *T. tauschii* was digested with *Bam*HI and the hybridisation pattern compared with DNA from λ E1 and λ E7 digested with the same enzyme. Fragment E1.1 (see Figure 3) from λ E1 was used as the probe; it contains some sequences that are over 80% identical to sequences in E7.8. Approximately 25 μ g of *T. tauschii* DNA was electrophoresed in lane 1, and 200 pg each of λ E1 and λ E7 in lanes 2 and 3, respectively.

Figure 3 shows the restriction maps of clone λ E1 and λ E7. The fragments obtained with *Eco*RI and *Bam*HI are indicated. The fragments sequenced from λ E1 are E1.1, E1.2, a part of E1.7 and a part of E1.5.

Figure 4 shows the comparison of deduced amino acid sequence of wSBE I-D4 cDNA with the deduced amino acid sequence of rice SBE I (RSBE I; Nakamura *et al*, 1992), maize SBE I (MSBE I; Baba *et al*, 1991), wSBE I-D2 type cDNA (D2 cDNA; Rahman *et al*, 1997), pea SBE II (PESBE II, homologous to maize SBE I; Burton *et al*, 1995), and potato SBE I (POSBE; Cangiano *et al*, 1993). The deduced amino acid sequence of the wSBE I-D4 cDNA is denoted by "D4cDNA". Residues present in at least three of the sequences are identified in the consensus sequence in capitals.

Figure 5 shows the intron-exon structure of wSBE I-D4 compared to the corresponding structures of rice SBE I (Kawasaki *et al*, 1993) and wSBE I-D2 (Rahman *et al*, 1997). The intron-exon structure of wSBE I-D4 is deduced by comparison with the SBE I cDNA reported by Repellin *et al* (1997).

The dark rectangles correspond to exons and the light rectangles correspond to introns. The bars above the structures indicate the percentage identity in sequence between the indicated exons and introns of the relevant

genes. Note that intron 2 shares no significant sequence identity and is not indicated.

Figure 6 shows the nucleotide sequence of part of wSBE I-D4, the amino acid sequence deduced from this nucleotide sequence, and the N-terminal amino acid sequence of the SBE I purified from the wheat endosperm (Morell *et al*, 1997).

Figure 7 shows the hybridisation of SBE I genomic clones with the following probes,

A. wSBE I-D45 (derived from the 5' end of the gene and including sequence from fragments E1.1 and E1.7), and

B. wSBE I-D43 (derived from the 3' end of the gene and containing sequences from fragment E1.5). For panel A, the tracks 1-13 correspond to clones λ E1, λ E2, λ E6, λ E7, λ E9, λ E14, λ E22, λ E27, Molecular weight markers, λ E29, λ E30, λ E31 and λ E52. For panel B, tracks 1-12 correspond to clones λ E1, λ E2, λ E6, λ E7, λ E9, λ E14, λ E22, λ E27, λ E29, λ E30, λ E31 and λ E52. Note that clones λ E7 and λ E22 do not hybridise to either of the probes and are wSBE I-D2 type genes. Also note that clone λ E30 contains a sequence unrelated to SBE I. The size of the molecular weight markers in kb is indicated. Clones λ E7 and λ E22 do hybridise with a probe from E1.1. which is highly conserved between wSBE I-D2 and wSBE I-D4.

Figure 8 shows the alignment of cDNA clones to obtain the sequence represented by wSBE I-D4 cDNA. BED4 and BED5 were obtained from screening the cDNA library with maize BE1 (Baba *et al*, 1991). BED1, 2 and 3 were obtained by RT-PCR using defined primers.

Figure 9 shows the sequence of the WSBE-I-D4 cDNA (a) nucleotide sequence, (b) amino acid sequence of SBE I as deduced from the sequence of wSBE I-D4 cDNA. The N-terminal sequence of SBE I (Morell *et al*, 1997) is in bold, and residues considered by Svensson (1994) to be invariant in the α -amylase family are underlined.

Figure 10 shows the sequence of wSBE I-D43C, representing the 3' untranslated region of wSBE I-D4cDNA.

Figure 11 shows the expression of Soluble Starch Synthase (SSS), Starch Branching Enzyme I (SBE I), and Starch Branching Enzyme II (SBE II) mRNAs during endosperm development. RNA was purified from leaves, florets prior to anthesis, and from the endosperm of wheat cultivar Rosella grown in a glasshouse collected 5 to 8 days after anthesis, 10 to 15 days after anthesis and 18 to 22 days after anthesis, and from the endosperm of wheat cultivar Rosella grown in the field and collected 12, 15 and 18 days after anthesis respectively. Equivalent amounts of RNA were electrophoresed in each lane. The probes were the coding region of the SM2 SSS cDNA (Coding Region), wSBE I-D43C which corresponds to the untranslated 3' end of wSBE I-D4 cDNA (E1 (3')) and the 5' region of SBE9 (SBE9 (5')). No hybridisation to RNA extracted from leaves or preanthesis florets was detected.

Figure 12 shows the comparison of wSBE I-D4 (sr 427.res ck: 6,362,1 to 11,099) and rice SBE I genomic sequence (d10838.em_pl ck: 3,071,1 to 11,700) (Kawasaki *et al*, 1993; Accession Number D10838) using the programs Compares and DotPlot (Devereaux *et al*, 1984). The programs used a window of 21 bases with a stringency of 14 to register a dot.

Figure 13 shows the hybridisation of wheat DNA from chromosome-engineered lines using the following probes:

- A. wSBE I-D45 (from the 5' end of the gene),
- B. wSBE I-D43 (from the 3' end of the gene), and
- C. wSBE I-D4R (repetitive sequence approximately 600 bp 3' to the end of wSBE I-D4 sequence.

N7AT7B, no 7A chromosome, four copies of 7B chromosome; N7BT7D, no 7B chromosome, four copies of 7D chromosome; NTDT7A, no 7D chromosome, four copies of 7A

chromosome. The chromosomal origin of hybridising bands is indicated.

Figure 14 shows the entire sequence of the wSBE I-D4 gene. The promoter-containing sequence is given in (a) up to the first translated amino acid. The coding sequence of the gene is given in (b), with about 47 bases of the promoter sequence.

Figure 15 shows the hybridisation of genomic clones F1, F2, F3 and F4 with the entire SBE-9 sequence. The DNA from the clones was purified and digested with either BamHI or EcoRI, separated on agarose, blotted onto nitrocellulose and hybridised with labelled SBE-9 (a SBE II type cDNA). The pattern of hybridising bands is different in the four isolates.

Figure 16 shows the entire sequence of the wSBE II-D1 gene. The promoter sequence is given in (a) up to the first translated amino acid, and the coding sequence of the gene is given in (b).

Figure 17a shows the N-terminal sequence of purified SBE II from wheat endosperm as in Morell *et al*, (1997).

Figure 17b shows the deduced amino acid sequence from part of wSBE II-D1 that encodes the N-terminal sequence as described in Morell *et al*, (1997).

Figure 17c shows the deduced amino acid sequence from SBE-9 (a SBE II type cDNA).

Figure 18 shows the deduced exon-intron structure for a part of wSBE II-D1. The scale is marked in bases. The dark rectangles are exons.

Figure 19 shows the hybridisation of DNA from chromosome engineered lines of wheat (cultivar Chinese Spring) with a probe from nucleotides 550-850 from SBE-9. The band of approximately 2.2 kb is missing in the line in which chromosome 2D is absent.

T2BN2A: four copies of chromosome 2B, no copies of chromosome 2A;

T2AN2B: four copies of chromosome 2A, no copies of chromosome 2B;

T2AN2D: four copies of chromosome 2A, no copies of chromosome 2D.

Figure 20a shows the N-terminal sequence of SSS protein isolated from starch granules (Rahman et al, 1995) and deduced amino acid sequence of part of Sm2.

Figure 20b shows the nucleotide sequence of cDNA clone (sm2) for wheat soluble starch synthase.

Figure 20c shows the nucleotide sequence of genomic clone sg3 for SSS.

Figure 21 shows the deduced amino acid sequence of cDNA clone (sm2) for SSS.

Figure 22 shows the hybridisation of genomic clones sg1, 3, 4, 6 and 11 with the cDNA clone (sm2) for SSS. DNA was purified from indicated genomic clones, digested with BamHI or SacI and hybridised to sm2. Note that the hybridisation patterns for sg1, 3 and 4 are clearly different from each other.

Figure 23 shows a comparison of the intron/exon structures of the wheat and rice soluble starch synthase genomic sequences. The dark rectangles indicate exons and the light rectangles represent introns. The break in the wheat SSS gene indicates the area where sequencing needs to be completed.

Figure 24 shows the hybridisation of DNA from chromosome engineered lines of wheat (cultivar Chinese Spring) digested with Pvull, with the sm2 probe.

N7AT7B: no 7A chromosome, four copies of 7B chromosome;

N7BT7D: no 7B chromosome, four copies of 7D chromosome;

N7DT7A: no 7D chromosome, four copies of 7A chromosome.

A band is missing in the N7BT7A line.

Figure 25 shows the promoter sequence of soluble starch synthase from wheat endosperm. The sequence up to the first encoded methionine (codon ATG) is included.

Figure 26a shows the DNA sequence of a portion of the wheat debranching enzyme (WDBE-1) PCR product. The PCR product was generated from wheat genomic DNA (cultivar Rosella) using primers based on sequences conserved in debranching enzymes from maize and rice.

Figure 26b shows a comparison of the nucleotide sequence of wheat debranching enzyme I (WDBE-I) PCR fragment (WHEAT.DNA) with the maize Sugary-1 sequence (SUGARY.DNA).

Figure 27 shows the results of Southern blotting of *T. tauschii* DNA with wheat DBE-I PCR product. DNA from *T. tauschii* was digested with BamHI, electrophoresed, blotted and hybridised to wheat DBE-I PCR product. A band of approximately 2 kb hybridised.

Figure 28 illustrates the design of 9 intron spanning BE II primer sets. Primers were based on wSBE II-D1 sequence (Figure 19) and were designed such that intron sequences in the wSBE II-D1 sequence (deduced from Figure 17) were amplified by PCR.

Figure 29 shows the results of amplification using the SBE II-Intron 6 primer set (sr913F and WBE2E6 R) on chromosome 2 nullisomic : tetrasomic lines of the wheat cultivar Chinese Spring.

BBD: tetra 2B nulli 2A;
AAD: tetra 2A nulli 2B;
AAB: tetra 2A nulli 2D;
CS: Chinese Spring normal;
ADD: tetra 2D nulli 2B;
ABB: tetra 2B nulli 2D;
AABB: tetraploid wheat having only the A and B genomes.

The horizontal axis indicates the size of the product in base pairs.

Figure 30 shows the results obtained by amplification using the SBE II-Intron 6 primer set (see Figure 30) on the wheat varieties (a) Chinese Spring and (b) Rosella.

Example 1 Identification of Gene Encoding SBE I
Construction of Genomic Library and Isolation of Clones

The genomic library used in this study was constructed from *Triticum tauschii*, var strangulata, accession number CPI 100799. Of all the accessions of *T. tauschii* surveyed, the genome of CPI 100799 is the most closely related to the D genome of hexaploid wheat (Dr E. Lagudah, CSIRO Division of Plant Industry, personal communication).

Triticum tauschii, var strangulata (CPI accession number 110799) was kindly provided by Dr E Lagudah. Leaves were isolated from plants grown in the glasshouse.

DNA was extracted from leaves of *Triticum tauschii* using published methods (Lagudah et al, 1991), partially digested with *Sau3A*, size fractionated and ligated to the arms of lambda GEM 12 (Promega). The ligated products were used to transfect the methylation-tolerant strain PMC 103 (Doherty et al. 1993). A total of 2×10^6 primary plaques were obtained with an average insert size of about 15 kb. Thus the library contains approximately 6 genomes worth of *T. tauschii* DNA. The library was amplified and stored at 4°C until required.

Positive plaques in the genomic library were selected as those hybridising with the 5' end of a maize starch branching enzyme I cDNA (Baba et al, 1991) using moderately stringent conditions as described in Rahman et al, (1997).

Preparation of Total RNA from Wheat

Total RNA was isolated from leaves, pre-anthesis pericarp and different developmental stages of wheat endosperm of the cultivar, Hartog and Rosella. This

material was collected from both the glasshouse and the field. The method used for RNA isolation was essentially the same as that described by Higgins *et al* (1976). RNA was then quantified by UV absorption and by separation in 1.4% agarose-formaldehyde gels which were then visualized under UV light after staining with ethidium bromide (Sambrook *et al*, 1989).

DNA and RNA analysis

DNA was isolated and analysed using established protocols (Sambrook *et al*, 1989). DNA was extracted from wheat (cv. Chinese Spring) using published methods (Lagudah *et al*, 1991). Southern analysis was performed essentially as described by Jolly *et al* (1996). Briefly, 20 µg wheat DNA was digested, electrophoresed and transferred to a nylon membrane. Hybridisation was conducted at 42°C in 25% or 50% formamide, 2 x SSC, 6% Dextran Sulphate for 16h and the membrane was washed at 60°C in 2 x SSC for 3 x 1h unless otherwise indicated. Hybridisation was detected by autoradiography using Fuji X-Omat film.

RNA analysis was performed as follows. 10 µg of total RNA was separated in a 1.4% agarose-formaldehyde gel and transferred to a nylon Hybond N⁺ membrane (Sambrook et al, 1989), and hybridized with cDNA probe at 42°C in Khandjian hybridizing buffer (Khandjian, 1989). The 3' part of wheat SBE I cDNA (designated wSBE I-D43, see Table 1) was labelled with the Rapid Multiprime DNA Probe Labelling Kit (Amersham) and used as probe. After washing at 60°C with 2 x SSC, 0.1% SDS three times, each time for about 1 to 2 hours, the membrane was visualized by overnight exposure at -80°C with X-ray film, Kodak MR.

Example 2

Frequency of Recovery of SBE I Type Clones from the Genomic Library

An estimated 2×10^6 plaques from the amplified library were screened using an EcoRI fragment that contained 1200 bp at the 5' end of maize SBE I (Baba et al.,

1991) and twelve independent isolates were recovered and purified. This corresponds to the screening of somewhat fewer than the 2×10^6 primary plaques that exist in the original library (each of which has an average insert size of 15 kb) (Maniatis et al, 1982), because the amplification may lead to the representation of some sequences more than others. Assuming that the amplified library contains approximately three genomes of *T. tauschii*, the frequency with which SBE I-positive clones were recovered suggests the existence of about 5 copies of SBE I type genes within the *T. tauschii* genome.

Digestion of DNA from the twelve independent isolates by the restriction endonuclease *BamHI* followed by hybridisation with a maize SBE I clone, suggested that the genomic clones could be separated into two broad classes (Figure 1). One class had 10 members and a representative from this class is the clone λ E1 (Figure 1, lane 1); λ E6 (Figure 1, lane 3) is a member of this class, but is missing the 5' end of the E1-SBE I gene because the SBE I gene is at the extremity of the cloned DNA. Further hybridisation studies at high stringency with the extreme 5' and 3' regions of the SBE I gene contained in λ E1 suggested that the other clones contained either identical or very closely related genes.

The second family had two members, and of these clone λ E7 (Figure 1, lane 4) was arbitrarily selected for further study. These two members did not hybridise to probes from the extreme 5' and 3' regions of the SBE I gene that were contained in λ E1, indicating that they were a distinct sub-class.

The DNA from *T. tauschii* and the lambda clones λ E1 and λ E7 was digested with *BamHI* and hybridised with fragment E1.1, as shown in Figure 2. This fragment contains sequences that are highly conserved (85% sequence identity over 0.3 kB between λ E1 and λ E7), corresponding to exons 3, 4 and 5 of the rice gene. The bands in the genomic DNA at 0.8 kb and 1.0 kb correspond to identical

sized fragments from λ E1 and λ E7, as shown in Figure 2; these are fragments E1.1 and E7.8 of λ E1 and λ E7 genomic clones respectively. Thus the arrangement of genes in the genomic clones is unlikely to be an artefact of the cloning procedure. There are also bands in the genomic DNA of approximately 2.5 kb, 4.8 kb and 8 kb in size which are not found from the digestion of λ E1 or λ E7; these could represent genes such as the 5' sequences of wSBE I-D1 or wSBE I-D3; see below.

Example 3 Tandem Arrangement of SBE I Type Genes in the *T. tauschii* Genome

Basic restriction endonuclease maps for λ E1 and λ E7 are shown in Figure 3. The map was constructed by performing a series of hybridisations of *Eco*RI or *Bam*HI digested DNA from λ E1 or λ E7. The probes used were the fragments generated from *Bam*HI digestion of the relevant clone. Confirmation of the maps was obtained by PCR analysis, using primers both within the insert and also from the arms of lambda itself. PCR was performed in 10 μ l volume using reagents supplied by Perkin-Elmer. The primers were used at a concentration of 20 μ M. The program used was 94°C, 2 min, 1 cycle, then 94°C, 30 sec; 55°C, 30 sec; 72°C, 1 min for 36 cycles and then 72°C, 5 min; 25°C, 1 min.

Sequencing was performed on an ABI sequencer using the manufacturer's recommended protocols for both dye primer and dye terminator technologies. Deletions were carried out using the Erase-a-base kit from Promega.

Sequence analysis was carried out using the GCG version 7 package of computer programs (Devereaux *et al*, 1984).

The PCR products were also used as hybridisation probes. The positioning of the genes was derived from sequencing the ends of the *Bam*HI subclones and also from sequencing PCR products generated from primers based on the insert and the lambda arms. The results indicate that

there is only a single copy of a SBE I type gene within λ E1. However, it is clear that λ E7 resulted from the cloning of a DNA fragment from within a tandem array of the SBE I type genes. Of the three genes in the clone, which are named as wSBE I-D1, wSBE I-D2 and wSBE I-D3); only the central one (wSBE I-D2) is complete.

Example 4 Construction and Screening of cDNA Library

A wheat cDNA library was constructed from the cultivar Rosella using pooled RNA from endosperm at 8, 12, 18 and 20 days after anthesis.

The cDNA library was prepared from poly A⁺ RNA that was extracted from developing wheat grains (cv. Rosella, a hexaploid soft wheat cultivar) at 8, 12, 15, 18, 21 and 30 days after anthesis. The RNA was pooled and used to synthesise cDNA that was propagated in lambda ZapII (Stratagene).

The library was screened with a genomic fragment from λ E7 encompassing exons 3, 4 and 5 (fragment E7.8 in Figure 3). A number of clones were isolated. Of these an apparently full-length clone appeared to encode an unusual type of cDNA for SBE I. This cDNA has been termed SBE I-D2 type cDNA. The putative protein product is compared with the maize SBE I and rice SBE I type deduced amino acid sequences in Figure 4. The main difference is that this putative protein product is shorter at the C-terminal end, with an estimated molecular size of approximately 74 kD compared with 85 kDa for rice SBE I (Kawasaki et al, 1993). Note that amino acids corresponding to exon 9 of rice are missing in SBE I-D2 type cDNA, but those corresponding to exon 10 are present. There are no amino acid residues corresponding to exons 11-14 of rice; furthermore, the sequence corresponding to the last 57 amino acids of SBE I-D2 type has no significant homology to the sequence of the rice gene.

We expressed SBE I-D2 type cDNA in *E. coli* in order to examine its function. The cDNA was expressed as a

fusion protein with 22 N-terminal residues of β -galactosidase and two threonine residues followed by the SBE I-D2 cDNA sequence either in or out of frame. Although an expected product of about 75 kDa in size was produced from only the in-frame fusion, we could not detect any enzyme activity from crude extracts of *E. coli* protein. Furthermore the in-frame construct could not complement an *E. coli* strain with a defined deletion in glycogen branching, although other putative branching enzyme cDNAs have been shown to be functional by this assay (data not shown). It is therefore unclear whether the wSBE I-D2 gene in λ E7 codes for an active enzyme *in vivo*.

Example 5 Gene Structure in E7

i. Sequence of wSBE I-D2

We sequenced 9.2 kb of DNA that contained wSBE I-D2. This corresponds to fragments 7.31, 7.8 and 7.18. Fragment 7.31 was sequenced in its entirety (4.1 kb), but the sequence of about 30 bases about 2 kb upstream of the start of the gene could not be obtained because it was composed entirely of Gs. Elevation of the temperature of sequencing did not overcome this problem. Fragments 7.8 (1 kb) and 7.18 (4 kb) were completely sequenced, and corresponded to 2 kb downstream of the last exon detected for this gene. It was clear that we had isolated a gene which was closely related (approximately 95% sequence identity) to the SBE I-D2 type cDNA referred to above, except that the last 200 bp at the 3' end of the cDNA are not present. The wSBE I-D2 gene includes sequences corresponding to rice exon 11 which are not in the cDNA clone. In addition it does not have exons 9, 12, 13 or 14; these are also absent from the SBE I-D2 type cDNA. The first two exons show lower identity to the corresponding exons from rice (approximately 60%) (Kawasaki et al, 1993) than to the other exons (about 80%). A diagrammatic exon-intron structure of the wSBE I-D2 gene is indicated in Figure 5. The restriction map was confirmed

by sequencing the PCR products that spanned fragments 7.18 and 7.8 and 7.8 and E7.31 (see Figure 3) respectively.

ii. Sequence of wSBE I-D3

This gene was not sequenced in detail, as the genomic clone did not extend far enough to include the 5' end of the sequence. The sequence is of a SBE-I type. The orientation of the gene is evident from sequencing of the relevant *Bam*HI fragments, and was confirmed by sequence analysis of a PCR product generated using primers from the right arm of lambda and a primer from the middle of the gene. The sequence homology with wSBEI-D2 is about 80% over the regions examined. The 2 kb sequenced corresponded to exons 5 and 6 of the rice gene; these sequences were obtained by sequencing the ends of fragments 7.5, 7.4 and 7.14 respectively, although the sequences from the left end of fragment 7.14 did not show any homology to the rice sequences. The gene does not appear to share the 3' end of SBE I-D2 type cDNA, as a probe from 500 bp at the 3' end of the cDNA (including sequences corresponding to exons 8 and 10 from rice) did not hybridise to fragment 7.14, although it hybridised to fragment 7.18.

iii. Sequence of wSBE I-D1

This gene was also not sequenced in detail, as it was clear that the genomic clone did not extend far enough to include the 5' sequences. Limited sequencing suggests that it is also a SBE I type gene. The orientation relative to the left arm of lambda was confirmed by sequencing a PCR product that used a primer from the left arm of lambda and one from the middle of the gene (as above). Its sequence homology with wSBE I-D2, D3 and D4 (see below) is about 75% in the region sequenced corresponding to a part of exon 4 of the rice gene.

Starch branching enzymes are members of the α -amylase protein family, and in a recent survey Svensson

(1994) identified eight residues in this family that are invariant, seven in the catalytic site and a glycine in a short turn. Of the seven catalytic residues, four are changed in SBE I-D2 type. However, additional variation in the 'conserved' residues may come to light when more plant cDNAs for branching enzyme I are available for analysis. In addition, although exons 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14 from rice are not present in the SBE I-D2 type cDNA, comparison of the maize and rice SBE I sequences indicate that the 3' region (from amino acid residue 730 of maize) is much more variable than the 5' and central regions. The active sites of rice and maize SBE I sequences, as indicated by Svensson (1994), are encoded by sequences that are in the central portion of the gene. When SBE II sequences from *Arabidopsis* were compared by Fisher *et al* (1996) they also found variation at the 3' and 5' ends. SBE I-D2 type cDNA may encode a novel type of branching enzyme whose activity is not adequately detected in the current assays for detecting branching enzyme activity; alternatively the cDNA may correspond to an endosperm mRNA that does not produce a functional protein.

Example 6 Cloning of the cDNA corresponding to the wSBE I-D4 gene

The first strand cDNAs were synthesized from 1 µg of total RNA, derived from endosperm 12 days after pollination, as described by Sambrook *et al* (1989), and then used as templates to amplify two specific cDNA regions of wheat SBE I by PCR.

Two pairs of primers were used to obtain the cDNA clones BED1 and BED3 (Table 1). Primers used for cloning of BED3 were the degenerate primer NTS5'

5' GGC NAC NGC NGA G/AGA C/TGG 3' (SEQ ID NO. 1).

based on the N-terminal sequence of the purified wheat endosperm SBE I protein, in which the 5' end of the

primer is at position 168 of wSBE I-D4 cDNA, as shown in Table 1, based on the N-terminal sequence of wheat SBE I, and the primer NTS3'.

5' TAC ATT TCC TTG TCC ATCA 3' (SEQ ID NO. 2)

in which the 5' end is at position 1590 of wSBE I-D4 cDNA, (see Table 1), designed to anneal to the conserved regions of the nucleotide sequences of BED5 and the maize and rice SBE I cDNAs. For clone BED1, the primers used were BEC5'

5' ATC ACG AGA GCT TGC TCA (SEQ ID NO. 3)

in which the 5' end is at position 1 of wSBE I-D4 cDNA (see Table 1); the sequence was based on the wSBE I-D4 gene, and BEC3'

5' CGG TAC ACA GTT GCG TCA TTT TC 3' (SEQ ID NO. 4)

in which the 5' end is at position 334 of wSBE I-D4 cDNA (see Table 1), and the sequence was based on BED 3.

Table 1
Location of probes and structural features within wSBE I-D4 sequence
and the D4 cDNA sequence

Sequence Name	wSBE I-D4 Sequence	wSBE I-D4 cDNA Sequence
Putative initiation of translation	4900	11
N-terminal sequence of SBE I	5550	124
End of translated SBE I sequence	10225	2431
End of D4 cDNA sequence	10461	2687
wSBE I-D45	4870, 5860	1, 357
wSBE I-D43	10116, 10435	2338, 2657
E1.1	5680, 6400	380, 630
BED 1	not referred to	1, 354
BED 2	not referred to	169, 418
BED 3	not referred to	151, 1601
BED 4	not referred to	867, 2372
BED 5	not referred to	867, 2687

Example 7

Identification of the gene from the
Triticum tauschii SBE I family which is
expressed in the endosperm

We have isolated two classes of SBE I genomic clones from *T. tauschii*. One class contained two genomic clone isolates, and this class has been characterised in some detail (Rahman et al, 1997). The complete gene contained within this class of clones was termed *wSBE I-D2*; there were additional genes at either ends of the clone, and these were designated *wSBE I-D1* and *wSBE I-D3*. The other class contained nine genomic clone isolates. Of these λ E1 was arbitrarily taken as a representative clone, and its restriction map is shown in Figure 3; the SBE I gene contained in this clone was called *wSBE I-D4*. Fragments E1.1 (0.8 kb) and E1.2 (2.1 kb) and fragments E1.7 (4.8 kb) and E1.5 (3 kb) respectively were completely sequenced. Fragment E1.7 was found to encode the N-terminal of the SBE I, which is found in the endosperm as described in Morell et al (1997). This is shown in Figure 6. Using antibodies raised against the N-terminal sequence, Morell et al (1997) found that the D genome isoform was the most highly expressed in the cultivars Rosella and Chinese Spring. We have thus isolated from *T. tauschii* a gene, *wSBE I-D4*, whose homologue in the hexaploid wheat genome encodes the major isoform for SBE I that is found in the wheat endosperm.

All nine genomic clones of the λ E1 type isolated from *T. tauschii* appear to contain the *wSBE I-D4* gene, or very similar genes, on the basis of PCR amplification and hybridisation experiments. However, the restriction patterns obtained for the clones differ with *Bam*HI and *Eco*RI, among other enzymes, indicating that either the clones represent near-identical but distinct genes or they represent the same gene isolated in distinct products of the *Sau* 3A digest used to generate the library.

Example 8 Investigation of other SBE I genomic clones isolated

All ten members of the λ E1-like class of SBE I genomic clones were investigated by hybridisation with probes derived from fragment E1.7 (sequence *wSBE I-D45*, encoding the translation start signal and the first 100 amino acids from the N-terminal end and intron sequences; see Table 1) and from fragment E1.5 (sequence *wSBE I-D43*, corresponding largely to the 3' untranslated 10 sequence and containing intron sequences, see Table 1). The results obtained were consistent with one type of gene being isolated in different fragments in the different clones, as shown in Figure 7. The PCR products were obtained from the clones λ E1, 2, 9, 14, 27, 31 and 52. 15 These hybridised to *wSBE I-D45* using primers that amplify near the 5' end of the gene (positions 5590-6162 of *wSBE I-D4*). Sequencing showed no differences in sequence of a 200 bp product.

Analysis of the promoter for *wSBE I-D4* allows us 20 to investigate the presence of motifs previously described for promoters that regulate gene expression in the endosperm. Forde et al (1985) compared prolamin promoters, and suggested that the presence of a motif approximately -300 bp upstream of the transcription start point, called 25 the endosperm box, was responsible for endosperm-specific expression. The endosperm box was subsequently considered to consist of two different motifs: the endosperm motif (EM) (canonical sequence TGTAAAG) and the GCN 4 motif (canonical sequence G/ATGAG/CTCAT). The GCN4 box is 30 considered to regulate expression according to nitrogen availability (Muller and Knudsen, 1993). The *wSBE I-D4* promoter contains a number of imperfect EM-like motifs at approximately -100, -300 and -400 as well as further upstream. However, no GCN4 motifs could be found, which 35 lends support to the idea that this motif regulates response to nitrogen, as starch biosynthesis is not as directly dependent on the nitrogen status of the plant as

storage protein synthesis. Comparison of the promoters for *wSBE I-D4* and *D2* (Rahman et al, 1997) indicates that although there are no extensive sequence homologies there is a region of about 100 bp immediately before the first 5 encoded methionine where the homology is 61% between the two promoters. In particular there is an almost perfect match in the sequence over twenty base pairs CTCGTTGCTTCC/TACTCCACT, (position 4723-4742 of the *wSBE I* sequence), but the significance of this is hard to gauge, 10 as it does not occur in the rice promoter for *SBE I*. The availability of more promoters for starch biosynthetic enzymes may allow firmer conclusions to be drawn. There are putative CAAT and TATA motifs at positions 4870 and 4830 respectively of *wSBE I-D4* sequence. The putative 15 start of translation of the mRNA is at position 4900 of *wSBE I-D4*.

Figure 5 shows the structure of the *wSBE I-D4* gene, compared with the genes from rice and wheat (Kawasaki et al, 1993; Rahman et al, 1997). The rice *SBE I* has 14 20 exons compared with 13 for *wSBE I-D4* and 10 for *wSBE I-D2*. There is good conservation of exon-intron structure between the three genes, except at the extreme 5' end. In particular the sizes of intron 1 and intron 2 are very different between rice *SBE I* and *wSBE I-D4*.

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Example 9 Isolation of cDNA for SBE I

Using the maize starch branching enzyme I cDNA as a probe (Baba et al, 1991), 10 positive plaques were recovered by screening approximately 10^5 plaques from a 30 wheat endosperm cDNA library prepared from the cultivar Rosella, as described in Example 4. On purifying and sequencing these plaques it was clear that even the longest clone (BED5, 1822 bp) did not encode the N-terminal sequence obtained from protein analysis. Degenerate 35 primers based on the wheat endosperm *SBE I* protein N-terminal sequence (Morell et al, 1997) and the sequence from BED5 were then used to amplify the 5' region: this

produced a cDNA clone termed BED 3 (Table 1 and Figure 8). This cDNA clone overlapped extensively and had 100% sequence identity with BED5 and BED4 (Figure 8). As almost the entire protein N-terminal sequence had been included in 5 the primer sequence design, this did not provide independent evidence of the selection of a cDNA sequence in the endosperm that encoded the protein sequence of the main form of SBE I. Using a BED3 to screen a second cDNA library produced BED2, which is shorter than BED3 but 10 confirmed the BED3 sequence at 100% identity between positions 169 and 418 (Figure 8 and Table 1). In addition the entire cDNA sequence for BED3 could be detected at a 100% match in the genomic clone λ E1. Primers based on the putative transcription start point combined with a primer 15 based on the incomplete cDNAs recovered were then used to obtain a PCR product from total endosperm RNA by reverse transcription. This led to the isolation of the cDNA clone, BED1, of 300 bp, whose location is shown in Figure 8. By analysing this product, a sequence was again 20 obtained that could be found exactly in the genomic clone λ E1, and which overlapped precisely with BED3.

The N-terminal of the protein matches that of SBE I isolated from wheat endosperm by Morell et al (1997), and thus the *wsSBE I-D4* cDNA represents the gene for the 25 predominant SBE I isoform expressed in the endosperm. The encoded protein is 87 kDa; this is similar to proteins encoded by maize (Baba et al, 1991) and rice (Nakamura et al, 1992) cDNAs for SBE I and is distinct from the *wsSBE I-D2* cDNA described previously, in which the encoded 30 protein was 74 kDa (Rahman et al, 1997).

Five cDNA clones were sequenced and their sequences were assembled into one contiguous sequence using a GCG program (Devereaux et al, 1984). The arrangement of these sequences is illustrated in Figure 8, the nucleotide 35 sequence is given in Figure 9a, and the deduced amino acid sequence is shown in Figure 9b. The intact cDNA sequence, *wsSBE I-D4* cDNA, is 2687 bp and contains one large open

reading frame (ORF), which starts at nucleotides 11 to 13 and ends at nucleotides 2432 to 2434. It encodes a polypeptide of 807 amino acids with a molecular weight of 87 kDa. Comparison of the amino acid sequence encoded by 5 *wSBE I-D4* cDNA with that encoded by maize and rice *SBE I* cDNAs showed that there is 75-80% identity between any of two these sequences at the nucleotide level and almost 90% at the amino acid level. Alignment of these three 10 polypeptide sequences, as shown in Figure 4, along with the deduced sequences for pea, potato and *wSBE I-D2* type cDNA, indicated that the sequences in the central region are 15 highly conserved, and sequences at the 5' end (about 80 amino acids) and the 3' end (about 60 amino acids) are variable.

15 Svensson *et al* (1994) indicated that there were several invariant residues in sequences of the α -amylase super-family of proteins to which *SBE I* belongs. In the sequence of maize *SBE I* these are in motifs commencing at amino acid residue positions 341, 415, 472, 537 20 respectively; these are also encoded in the *wSBE I-D4* sequence (Figure 9), further supporting the view that this gene encodes a functional enzyme. This is in contrast to the results with the *wSBE I-D2* gene, where three of the 25 conserved motifs appear not to be encoded (Rahman *et al*, 1997).

There is about 90% sequence identity in the deduced amino acid sequence between *wSBE I-D4* cDNA and rice *SBE I* cDNA in the central portion of the molecule (between residues 160 and 740 for the deduced amino acid 30 product from *wSBE I-D4* cDNA). The sequence identity of the deduced amino acid sequence of the *wSBE I-D4* cDNA to the deduced amino acid sequence of *wSBE I-D2* is somewhat lower (85% for the most conserved region, between residues 285 to 390 for the deduced product of *wSBE I-D4* cDNA). 35 Surprisingly, however, *wSBE I-D4* cDNA is missing the sequence that encodes amino acids at positions 30 to 58 in rice *SBE I* (see Figure 4). This corresponds to residues

within the transit peptide of rice SBE I. A corresponding sequence also occurs in the deduced amino acid sequence from maize *SBE I* (Baba et al, 1991) and *wSBE I-D2* type cDNA (Rahman et al, 1997). Consequently the transit sequence 5 encoded by *wSBE I-D4* cDNA is unusually short, containing only 38 amino acids, compared with 55-60 amino acids deduced for most starch biosynthetic enzymes in cereals (see for example Ainsworth, 1993; Nair et al, 1997). The *wSBE I-D4* gene does contain this sequence, but this does 10 not appear to be transcribed into the major species of RNA from this gene, although it can be detected at low relative abundance. This raises the possibility of alternative splicing of the *wSBE I-D4* transcript, and also the question of the relative efficiency of translation/transport of the 15 two isoforms. The possibility of alternative splicing in both rice and wheat has been considered for soluble starch synthase (Baba et al, Rahman et al, 1995). Alternative splicing of soluble starch synthase would give a transit sequence of 40 amino acids, which is the same length 20 proposed for the product of *wSBE I-D4* cDNA.

We have previously used probes based on exons 4, 5 and 6 (E7.8 and E1.1, see Rahman et al., 1997) of *wSBE-D2* to probe wheat and *T. tauschii* genomic DNA cleaved with *Pvu*II and *Bam*HI respectively. This region is highly 25 conserved within rice *SBE I*, *wSBE I-D2* and *wSBE I-D4* and produced ten bands with wheat DNA and five with *T. tauschii* DNA. Neither *Pvu*II nor *Bam*HI cleaved within the probe sequences, suggesting that each band represented a single type of *SBE I* gene. We have described four *SBE I* genes 30 from *T. tauschii*: *wSBE I-D1*, *wSBE I-D2*, *wSBE I-D3* and *wSBE I-D4* (Rahman et al, 1997 and this specification), and so we may have accounted for most of the genes in *T. tauschii* and, by extension, the genes from the D genome 35 of wheat. In wheat, at least two hybridising bands could be assigned to each of chromosomes 7A, 7B and 7D.

Example 10 Tissue specificity and expression during endosperm development

The 300 bp of 3' untranslated sequence of *wSBE I-D4* cDNA does not show any homology with either the 5 *wSBE I-D2* type cDNA that we have described earlier (Rahman et al, 1997) or with *BE-I* from rice, as shown in Figure 5. We have called this sequence *wSBE I-D43C* (see Figure 10). It seemed likely that *wSBE I-D43C* would be a specific probe for this class of *SBE-I*, and thus it was used to 10 investigate the tissue specificity. The results are shown in Figure 11. An RNA species of about 2700 bases in size was found to hybridise. This is very close to the size of the *wSBE I-D4* cDNA sequence. RNA hybridising to *wSBE-I-D43C* is most abundant at the mid-stage of endosperm 15 development (Figure 11) and in field grown material is relatively constant during the period 12-18 days, the time at which there is rapid starch and storage protein accumulation (Morell et al, 1995).

The sequence contained within the *wSBE I-D4* gene 20 appears to be expressed only in the endosperm (Figure 11). We could not detect any expression in the leaf. This could be because another isoform is expressed in the leaf, and/or because the amount of *SBE I* present in the leaf is much less than what is required in the endosperm. Isolation of 25 *SBE I* clones from a leaf cDNA library would enable this question to be resolved.

Example 11 Intron-Exon Structure of *SBE I*

By comparison of the cDNA sequence of *SBE I* 30 (Repellin et al, 1997) with that of *wSBE I-D4* we can deduce the intron-exon structure of the gene for the major isoform of *SBE I* that is found in the endosperm. The structure contains 14 exons compared to 14 for rice (Kawasaki et al, 1993). These 14 exons are spread over 6 kb of sequence, a 35 distance similar to that found in both rice *SBE I* and *wSBE I-D2*. A dotplot comparison of *wSBE I-D4* sequence and that of rice *SBE I* sequence, depicted in Figure 12, shows

good sequence identity over almost the entire gene starting from about position 5100 of *wSBE I-D4*; the identity is poor over the first 5 kb of sequence corresponding largely to the promoter sequences. The sequence identity over introns 5 (about 60%) is lower than over exons (about 85%).

Example 12 Repeated Sequences in SBE I

Sequencing of *wSBE I-D4* revealed there was a repeated sequence of at least 300 bp contained in a 2 kb 10 fragment about 600 bp after the 3' end of the gene. We have called this sequence *wSBE I-D4R*. This repeated sequence is within fragment E1.5 (Figure 3 and Table 1) and is flanked by non-repetitive sequences from the genomic clone. We have previously shown that the restriction 15 pattern obtained by digesting λ E1 with the restriction enzyme *Bam*HI is also obtained when *T. tauschii* DNA is digested. Thus *wSBE I-D4R* is unlikely to be a cloning artefact. A search of the GenBank Database revealed that 20 *wSBE I-D4R* shared no significant homology with any sequence in the database. Hybridisation experiments with *wSBE I-D4R* showed that all of the other *SBE I-D4* type genomic clones (except number 29) contained this repeated sequence (data 25 not shown). The *wSBE I-D4R* sequence was not highly repeated and occurred in the wheat genome with a similar frequency as the *wSBE I-D4* sequence.

When *SBE I-D4R* was used as the probe on wheat DNA from the nulli-tetra lines, four bands were obtained; two of these bands could be assigned to chromosome 7A and the others to chromosomes 7B and 7D (Figure 13). One of the 30 two *Bam*HI fragments from wheat DNA which could be assigned to chromosome 7A was distinct from the single band from chromosome 7A detected using *wSBE I-D43* as the probe; the other three bands coincided in the autoradiograph with bands obtained with *wSBE I-D43*, and are likely to represent 35 the same fragment. However, one of these fragments was distinct from the *Bam*HI fragment that hybridised to the *wSBE I-D43* sequence. In *wSBE I-D4* (see Figure 14), the

wSBE I-D43 sequence is only 300 bp upstream of *wSBE I-D4R*, and occurs in the same *Bam*HI fragment. These results suggest that the *wSBE I-D4R* sequence can occur independently of *wSBE I-D4* in the wheat genome.

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Example 13 Isolation of Genomic Clones Encoding SBE II

Screening of a cDNA library, prepared from the wheat endosperm as described in Example 4, with the maize BE I clone (Baba et al, 1991) at low stringency led to the 10 isolation of two classes of positive plaques. One class was strongly hybridising, and led to the isolation of wheat SBE I-D2 type and SBE I-D4 type cDNA clones, as described in Example 5 and in Rahman et al (1997). The second class was weakly hybridising, and one member of this class was 15 purified. This weakly hybridising clone was termed SBE-9, and on sequencing was found to contain a sequence that was distinct from that for SBE I. This sequence showed greatest homology to maize BE II sequences, and was considered to encode part of the wheat SBE II sequence.

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The screening of approximately 5×10^5 plaques from a genomic library constructed from *T. tauschii* (see Example 1) with the SBE-9 sequence led to the isolation of four plaques that were positive. These were designated *wSBE II-D1* to *wSBE II-D4* respectively, and were purified 25 and analysed by restriction mapping. Although they all had different hybridization patterns with SBE-9, as shown in Figure 15, the results were consistent with the isolation of the same gene in different-sized fragments.

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Example 14 Identification of the N-terminal sequence of SBE II

Sequencing of the SBE II gene contained in clone 2, termed *SBE II-D1* (see Figure 16), showed that it coded for the N-terminal sequence of the major isoform of 35 SBE II expressed in the wheat endosperm, as identified by Morell et al (1997). This is shown in Figure 17.

Example 15 Intron-Exon Structure of the SBE II Gene

In addition to encoding the N-terminal sequence of sBE II, as shown in Example 10, the cDNA sequence reported by Nair et al (1997) was also found to have 100% sequence identity with part of the sequence of *wSBE II-D1*.
5 Thus the intron-exon structure can be deduced, and this is shown in Figure 18.

10 Example 16 Number of SBE II Genes in *T. tauschii* and Wheat

Hybridisation of the SBE II conserved region with *T. tauschii* DNA revealed the presence of three gene classes. However, in our screening we only recovered one class. Hybridisation to wheat DNA indicated that the locus 15 for SBE II was on chromosome 2, with approximately 5 loci in wheat; most of these appear to be on chromosome 2D, as shown in Figure 19.

20 Example 17 Expression of SBE II

Investigation of the pattern of expression of SBE II revealed that the gene was only expressed in the endosperm. However the timing of expression was quite distinct from that of SBE I, as illustrated in Figure 11.

Whereas SBE I gene expression is only clearly 25 detectable from the mid-stage of endosperm development, SBE II gene expression is clearly seen much earlier, in endosperm tissue at 5-8 days after development (Figure 11), corresponding to an early stage of endosperm development.

30 Example 18 Cloning of Wheat Soluble Starch Synthase cDNA

A conserved sequence region was used for the synthesis of primers for amplification of SSS by comparison with the nucleotide sequences encoding soluble starch 35 synthases of rice and pea. A 300 bp RT-PCR product was obtained by amplification of cDNA from wheat endosperm at 12 days post anthesis. The 300 bp RT-PCR product was then

cloned, and its sequence analysed. The comparison of its sequence with rice SSS cDNA showed about 80% sequence homology. The 300 bp RT-PCR product was 100% homologous to the partial sequence of a wheat SSS in the database 5 produced by Block et al (1997).

The 300 bp cDNA fragment of wheat soluble starch synthase thus isolated was used as a probe for the screening of a wheat endosperm cDNA library (Rahman et al, 1996). Eight cDNA clones were selected. One of the 10 largest cDNA clones (sm2) was used for DNA sequencing analysis, and gave a 2662 bp nucleotide sequence, which is shown in Figure 20b. A large open reading frame of this cDNA encoded a 647 amino acid polypeptide, starting at nucleotides 247 to 250 and terminating at nucleotides 2198 15 to 2200. The deduced polypeptide was shown by protein sequence analysis to contain the N-terminal sequence of a 75 kDa granule-bound protein (Rahman et al, 1995). This is illustrated in Figure 20a. The location of the 75 kDa protein was determined for both the soluble fraction and 20 starch granule-bound fraction by the method of Denyer et al (1995). Thus this cDNA clone encoded a polypeptide comprising a 41 amino acid transit peptide and a 606 amino acid mature peptide (Figure 21). The cleavage site LRRL was located at amino acids 36 to 39 of the transit peptide of 25 this deduced polypeptide.

Comparison of wheat SSS with rice SSS and potato SSS showed that there is 87.4% or 75.9% homology at the amino acid level and 74.7% or 58.1% homology at the nucleotide level. Some amino acids in the at N-terminal 30 sequences of the SSS of wheat and rice were conserved.

Example 19 Isolation of Genomic Clone of Wheat Soluble Starch Synthase

Seven genomic clones were obtained with a 300 bp 35 cDNA probe by screening approximately 5×10^5 plaques from a genomic DNA library of *Triticum tauschii*, as described above. DNA was purified from 5 of these clones and

digested with *Bam*HI and *Sac*I. Southern hybridization analysis using the 300 bp cDNA as probe showed that these clones could be classified into two classes, as shown in Figure 22. One genomic clone, sg3, contained a long insert, 5 and was digested with *Bam*HI or *Sac*I and subcloned into pBluescript KS+ vector.

These subclones were analysed by sequencing, and the sequence of the genomic clone sg3 is shown in Figure 10 20c. The intron/exon structure of the sg3 rice gene is shown in Figure 23.

Example 20 Northern Hybridization Analysis of the Expression of Genes Encoding Soluble Starch Synthase

15 Total RNAs were purified from leaves, pre-anthesis material, and various stages of developmental endosperm at 5-8, 10-15 and 18-22 days post anthesis. Northern hybridization analysis showed that mRNAs encoding wheat SSS were specifically expressed in developmental 20 endosperm. Expression of this mRNAs in the leaves and pre-anthesis materials could not be detected by northern hybridization analysis under this experimental condition. Wheat SSS mRNAs started to express at high levels at an early stage of endosperm, 5-8 days post anthesis, and the 25 expression level in endosperm at 10-15 days post anthesis, was reduced. These results are summarized in Figure 11.

Example 21 Genomic Localisation of Wheat Soluble Starch Synthase

30 DNA from chromosome engineered lines was digested with the restriction enzyme *Bam*HI and blotted onto supported nitrocellulose membranes. A probe prepared from the 3' end of the cDNA sequence, from positions 2345 to 35 2548, was used to hybridise to this DNA. The presence of a specific band was shown to be associated with the presence of chromosomes 7A (Figure 24). These data demonstrate location of the SSS gene on chromosome 7.

Example 22 Isolation of SSS Promoter

We have isolated the promoter that drives this pattern of expression for SSS. The pattern of expression for SSS is very similar to that for SBE II: the SSS gene transcript is detectable from an early stage of endosperm development until the endosperm matures. The sequence of this promoter is given in Figure 25.

10 Example 23 Isolation of the Gene Encoding Debranching Enzyme from Wheat

The *sugary* mutation in maize results in mature dried kernels that have a glassy and translucent appearance; immature mature kernels accumulate sucrose and 15 other simple sugars, as well as the water-soluble polysaccharide phytoglycogen (Black *et al*, 1966). Most data indicates that in *sugary* mutants the concentration of amylose is increased relative to that of amylopectin. Analysis of a particular *sugary* mutation (*su-Ref*) by James 20 *et al*, (1995) led to the isolation of a cDNA that shared significant sequence identity with bacterial enzymes that hydrolyse the α 1,6-glucosyl linkages of starch, such as an isoamylase from *Pseudomonas* (Amemura *et al*, 1988), *ie.* bacterial debranching enzymes.

25 We have now isolated a sequence amplified from wheat endosperm cDNA using the polymerase chain reaction (PCR). This sequence is highly homologous to the sequence for the *sugary* gene isolated by James *et al*, (1995). This sequence has been used to isolate homologous cDNA sequences 30 from a wheat endosperm library and genomic sequences from *Triticum tauschii*.

35 Comparison of the deduced amino acid sequences of DBE from maize with spinach (Accession SOPULSPO, GenBank database), *Pseudomonas* (Amemura *et al*, 1988) and rice (Nakamura *et al*, 1997) enabled us to deduce sequences which could be useful in wheat. When these sequences were used as PCR amplification primers with wheat genomic DNA a

product of 256 bp was produced. This was sequenced and was compared to the sequence of maize *sugary* isolated by James et al, (1995). The results are shown in Figure 26a and Figure 26b. This sequence has been termed wheat 5 debranching enzyme sequence I (WDBE-I).

WDBE-1 was used to investigate a cDNA library constructed from wheat endosperm (Rahman et al, 1997) enables us to isolate two cDNA clones which hybridise strongly to the WDBE-I probe. Use of WDBE 1 to investigate 10 a genomic library constructed from *T. tauschii*, as described above has led to the isolation of four genomic clones which hybridised strongly to the WDBE-I sequence. Hybridization of WDBE-I to DNA from *T. tauschii* indicates one hybridizing fragment (Figure 27).

15 We have clearly isolated a sequence from the wheat genome that has high identity to the debranching enzyme cDNA of maize characterised by James et al (1997). The isolation of homologous cDNA sequences and genomic sequences enables further characterisation of the 20 debranching enzyme cDNA and promoter sequences from wheat and *T. tauschii*. These sequences and the WDBE I sequences shown herein are useful in the manipulation of wheat starch structure through genetic manipulation and in the screening for mutants at the equivalent *sugary* locus in wheat.

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Example 24

Use of probes from soluble starch synthase, SBE I and SBE II sequences to identify null or altered alleles for use in breeding programmes

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There are two general strategies for obtaining wheats with altered starch structure:

(a) using genetic engineering strategies to suppress the activity of a specific gene, or to introduce a novel gene into a wheat line.

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(b) selecting among existing variation in wheat for missing ("null") or altered alleles of a gene in each

of the genomes of wheat, and combining these by plant breeding.

DNA primer sets were designed to enable amplification of the first 9 introns of the SBE II gene using PCR. The design of the primer sets is illustrated in Figure 28. Primers were based on the wSBE II-D1 sequence (Figure 16) and were designed such that intron sequences in the wSBE II sequence (deduced from Figure 18) were amplified by PCR. These primer sets individually amplify the first 9 introns of SBE II. One primer set, for intron 6, was found to amplify products from each of chromosomes 2A, 2B and 2D of wheat. This is shown in Figure 29, which illustrates results obtained with chromosome 2 nullisomic tetrasomic lines of the cultivar Chinese Spring.

Figure 30 compares results of amplification with the Intron 6 primer set for normal lines of the cultivars Chinese Spring (Figure 30a) and Rosella (Figure 30b). In Chinese Spring a PCR product of 213 bp is absent, indicating that this cultivar possesses a potential null allele. Thus Chinese Spring can be used as a parental line for breeding programmes for generation of new lines in which expression of SBE II is diminished or abolished, with consequent increase in amylose content of the wheat grain. Thus a high amylose wheat can be produced.

It will be apparent to the person skilled in the art that while the invention has been described in some detail for the purposes of clarity and understanding, various modifications and alterations to the embodiments and methods described herein may be made without departing from the scope of the inventive concept disclosed in this specification.

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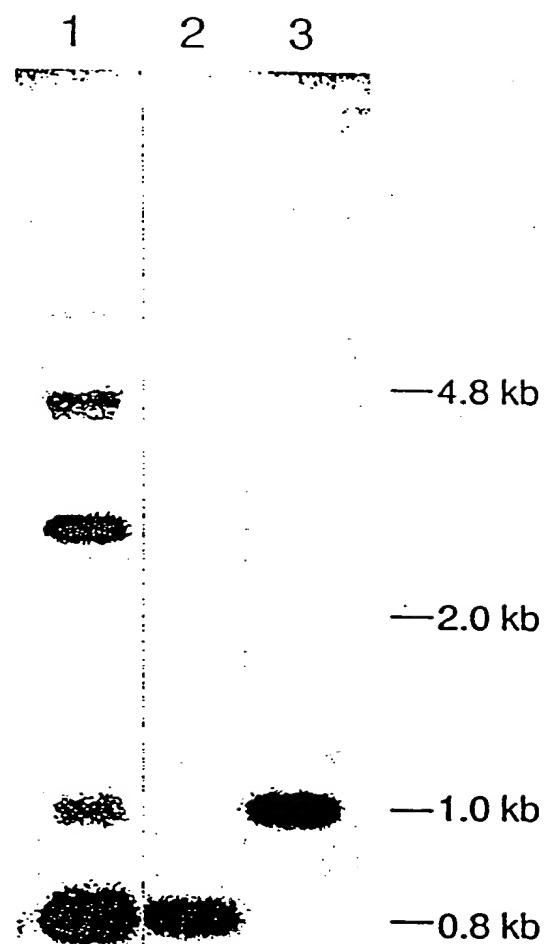


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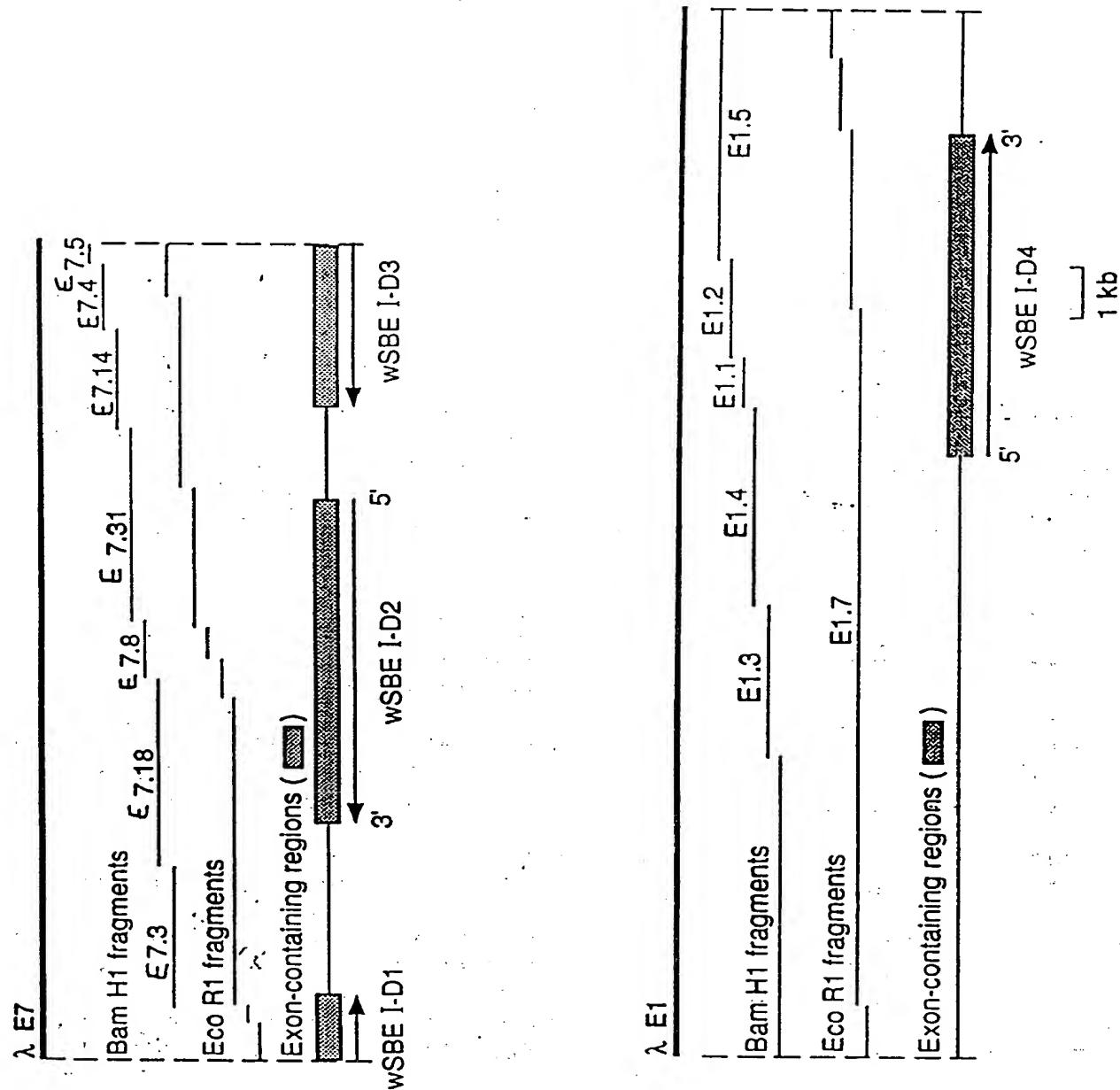


FIGURE 3

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MSBEI	****v*p** **tplp***r ***h***aa pg*****
D4cDNA	****ap*c **sl...***p **pa****g* ***s....
PESBEII
POSBE	meinfkvlsk	pirgsfp*f* pkv*sgas*n kic*psqh*t *lkf*sqers
D2cDNA	.....	****s***ll prp*a*.... ....****l* *****ggk
Consensus	-----	-MLCLTSSSS SP-S-APPR- SRS-ADRPSP GIIAGGGNVR
	51	100
RSBEI	1..***v*...	*p*****g** *tn***pa** rk****v*vv ***..*****
MSBEI	1..***l**qc	ka***gv*** ***ataa*v q*d*****ak g**..*****
D4cDNA	.....	*****p*s* prdy****a* *g*.gd***
PESBEII	.....	.....mt d*ks**psv* ***f..*nig*
POSBE	w..d*s*t*k	*rv*kde*mk h*saisa*lt d**s***pl* ***kt*nigl
D2cDNA	rlsv*p***f	11**l****a ***sf*s*** rg**ia**.. tgygs*****
Consensus	---SV-SVP-	S-RRSWPRKV KSKFSV-VTA -DNKTMAT-E EDV--DHLPI
	101	150
RSBEI	*****e*	****n**i** ****c***** *****
MSBEI	*****i*	*****gs**e n**s**s***
D4cDNA	*****ag*	****s*****k ****s***
PESBEII	lnv*ss**p*	****k***** **h**k***e y****q**a* *****f*r*
POSBE	ln***t***p*	1****h**** v***m**** y**p****aq *****f*r*
D2cDNA	****l**ae*	****d*trn* i***** ***s*****
Consensus	YDLDPKLE-F	KDHFRYRMKR YLDQKHLIEK HEGGLEFSK GYLKFGINTE
	151	200
RSBEI	*g*****	*****ak* *****k**** **k*****
MSBEI	*dg*****	*****e*** ***d***a** *****k**** **k*d**k**
D4cDNA	nd*****	***m***** *****g* r*t**n*****
PESBEII	*dgis*****	*****i** ***g*****l h****q**** **q*pdad*n
POSBE	*gci*****	*****dev** ***g***** m****q**** ***pd*ds*
D2cDNA	hg*s*****	***e***** *****g* ***a**n*****
Consensus	--ATVYREWA	PAAQEAQLIG DFNNWNGSNH KMEKD-FGVW SIRISHVNGK
	201	250
RSBEI	*****	***r***g*a* *****
MSBEI	*****	***l*.g*** ***l***
D4cDNA	*****	***hr*d*l* *****
PESBEII	*****r**	***k*sd*** *****k* ***ptr*a* *****y***
POSBE	*v*****r**	***k**n*** *****k* **a**t**a* *****y***
D2cDNA	*****	***r*.h*** **q***** ***t**es** ***l*****
Consensus	PAIPHNSKV	FRF-HG-GVW VDRIPAWIRY ATVDASKFGA PYDGVHWDPP
	251	300
RSBEI	ac*****	*****
MSBEI	a*****t*****	**s**a*****
D4cDNA	sg*****	**r*****
PESBEII	l*****q*****	*****k***
POSBE	p*****h**y*	*****r***
D2cDNA	s*****n**	*****v***
Consensus	-SERYVFKHP	RPPKPDAPRI YEAHVGMSGE EPEVSTYREF ADNVLPRIRA

FIGURE 4

	301		350
RSBEI	*****	*****	*****
MSBEI	*****	*****	*****
D4cDNA	*****	ilcf*	w*****
PESBEII	*****	*****	w****kp***
POSBE	*****	*****g**	*****.***
D2cDNA	t*****g	*****ds***	*****.***
Consensus	NNYNTVQLMA	IMEHSYYASF	GYHVTN-FFA
		VSSRSGTPED	LKYL-DKAHS
	351		400
RSBEI	*****	*****	h*****t**
MSBEI	*****	*****	*****a**
D4cDNA	*****	s*m**	*****n
PESBEII	***n*****	*****	*****t**
POSBE	***q**v***	*****	s*q****a**
D2cDNA	*****	*****i*	*****g
Consensus	LGLRVLMDVV	HSHASNNVTD	GLNGYDVGQS
		TQESYFH-GD	RGYHKLWDSR
	401		450
RSBEI	*****	*****	*****k****
MSBEI	*****	*****	*****v****
D4cDNA	*****	*****	*****n
PESBEII	*****ks.	s*****	*****s*a*
POSBE	*****	*****k*****	*****a***
D2cDNA	*****	*****n*****	*****v
Consensus	LFNYANWEVL	RFLLSNLRYW	-DEFMFDGFR
		FDGVTSMYH	HHGINMGFTG
	451		500
RSBEI	*****	*****l**	*****
MSBEI	**q*****	a*****l**	*****
D4cDNA	*****g**	*****i**	*****
PESBEII	d*n*****e**	**s*v*di**	***d*****
POSBE	**n*****ea*	**n*i**i**	***g*g***s
D2cDNA	*****ig***	n***f*****l**	***g*g***s
Consensus	NYKEYFSLDT	DVDAVVYML	ANHLMHK-LP
		EATVVAEDVS	GMPVLCRPVD
	501		550
RSBEI	*****	*****rk*	****.vq**
MSBEI	*****	*****	**g*.ah**
D4cDNA	*****	*****l**	***a.ah**
PESBEII	*v*****	*****k***	**k*.sln*
POSBE	*****	*****k***	**k*.tss*
D2cDNA	***1*****q	**t*****	***sv*sq**
Consensus	EGGVGFDYRL	AMAIPDRWID	YLKNKDDSEW
		SMSE-I--TL	TNRRYTEKCI
	551		600
RSBEI	*****	*****t**	*****n
MSBEI	*****	*****t**	*****
D4cDNA	*****	m*****	*****t**
PESBEII	s*****	*****	c*tml*****
POSBE	*****	*****	c*td***v**
D2cDNA	****rqnh**	**s**m*****	**w*t*s***
Consensus	AYAESHDQSI	VGDKTIAFL	MDKEMY-GMS
		DLQPASPTID	RGIALQKMIH

FIGURE 4 (cont.)

	601	650
RSBEI	*****	*****
MSBEI	*****	*****
D4cDNA	*****	*****
PESBEII	*****	*****
POSBE	*f*****	*****
D2cDNA	*****s	***k*****
Consensus	FITMALGGDG	YLNFMGNEFG HPEWIDFPRE GNNWSYDKCR -RQWSLVDTD
	651	700
RSBEI	*****	*****e
MSBEI	*****	*****r
D4cDNA	*****	*****
PESBEII	*****	*r***l***
POSBE	*****	***i*a*t***
D2cDNA	*****	**s***
Consensus	HLRYKYMNAF	DQAMNALD-K FSFLSSSKQI VSDMNEE-KV IVFERGDLVF
	701	750
RSBEI	*****n***	k*****
MSBEI	*****k***	*****
D4cDNA	*****s***	*****
PESBEII	*****en**	*****
POSBE	*****kn**	*****
D2cDNA	.*thlrsgc*	*p.....s**
Consensus	VFNFHP-KTY	EGYKVGCDLP GKYRVALDSD AL-FGGHGRV GHDVDHFTSP
	751	800
RSBEI	**m*****	*****
MSBEI	*****	*****
D4cDNA	*****	*****
PESBEII	*****	*****
POSBE	*****	**g*qipskc
D2cDNA	ifcc*lfkge	cllrehvwli telmnacq*1
Consensus	EG-PGVPETN	kitrq*f*vs
	801	850
RSBEI	*...*****dr	**l*rg***va
MSBEI	*...*****ag	s***i.vte**
D4cDNA	*...*****ka	**k*s*....
PESBEII	*...*****q	**k**s*....
POSBE	*yqqp*sr*v	w***aa*g.**
D2cDNA	.....	**e***vkda
Consensus	Y---RVDER-	ad**at**sk
	851	876
RSBEI	kg***d*cg*	**mk***r**
MSBEI	edk*atagg*	*e*c*d
D4cDNA	ka*tgg*ss*	**wk*arqp*
PESBEII	r*e*ns**av	*q*t**
POSBE	r*tr*lk*sl	**in***g*p
D2cDNA	.....	*k*n*.
Consensus	--SEK-DD-K	dagi*kvere
		vvgdn*
		stnist*....
	
		--SEK-DD-K KG--FVF-SS D-D-K-

FIGURE 4 (cont.)

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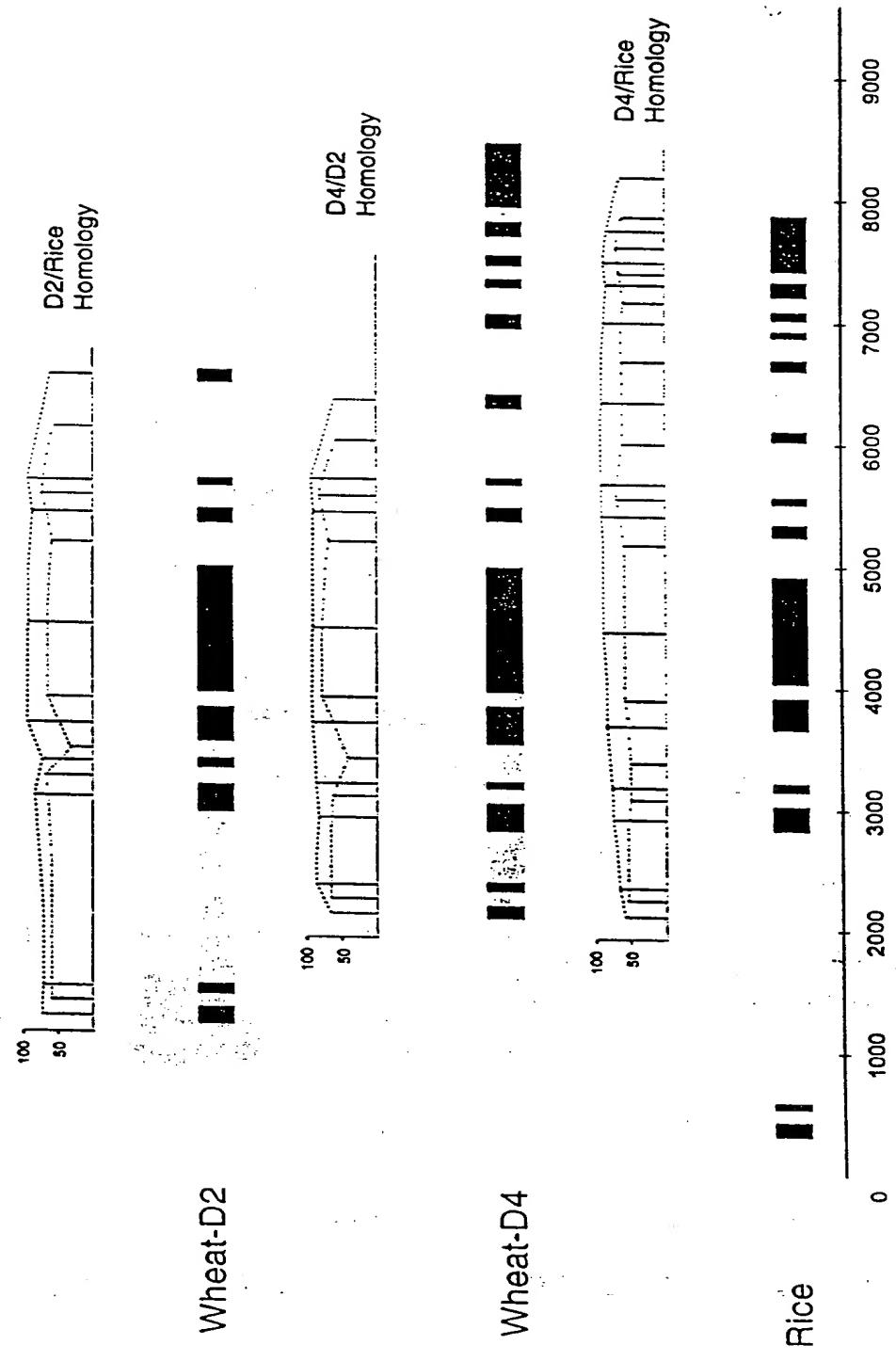


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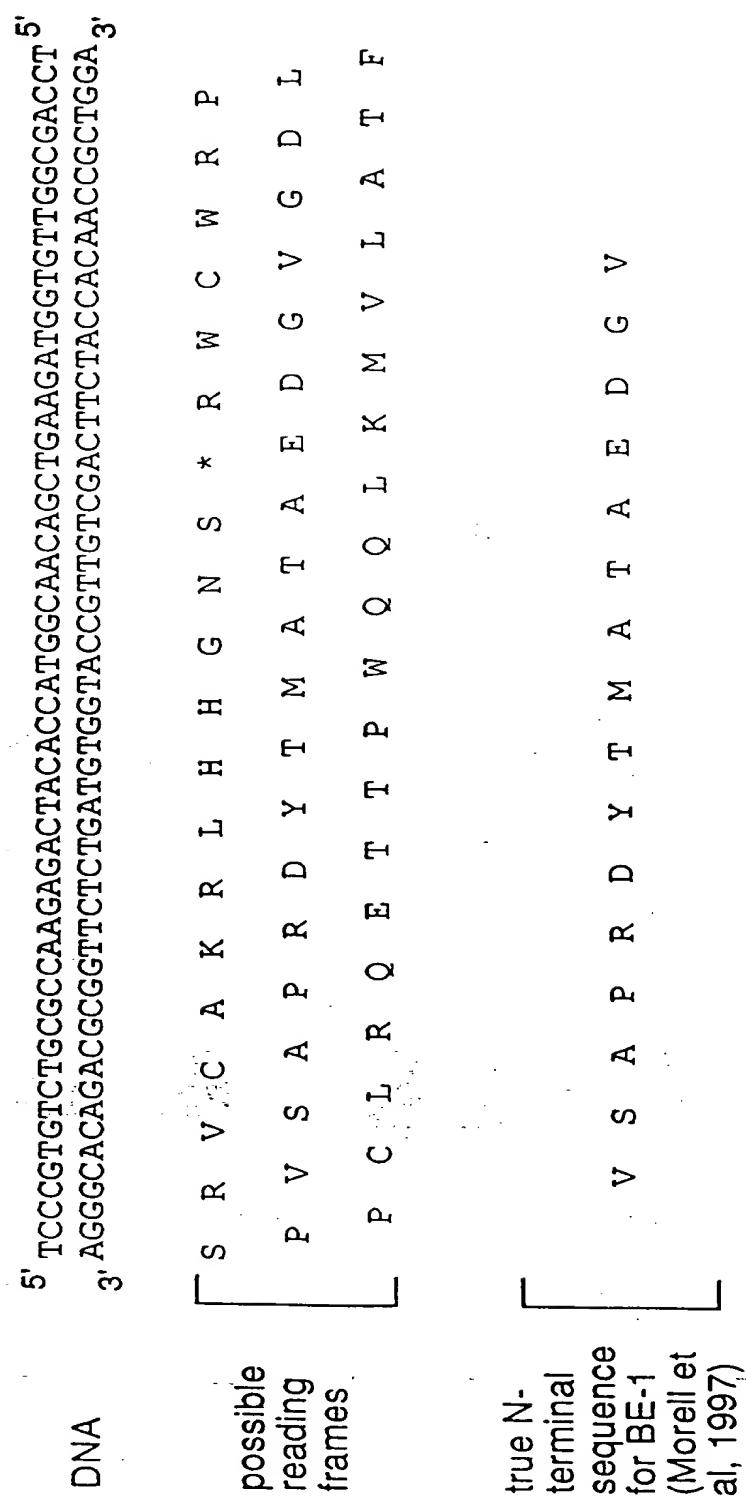


FIGURE 6

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A

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B

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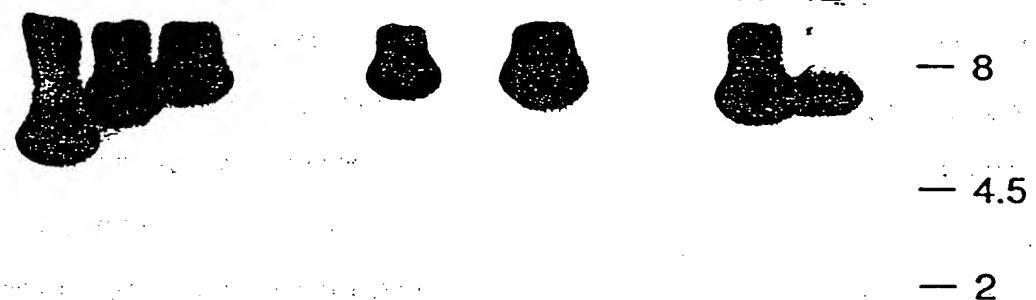


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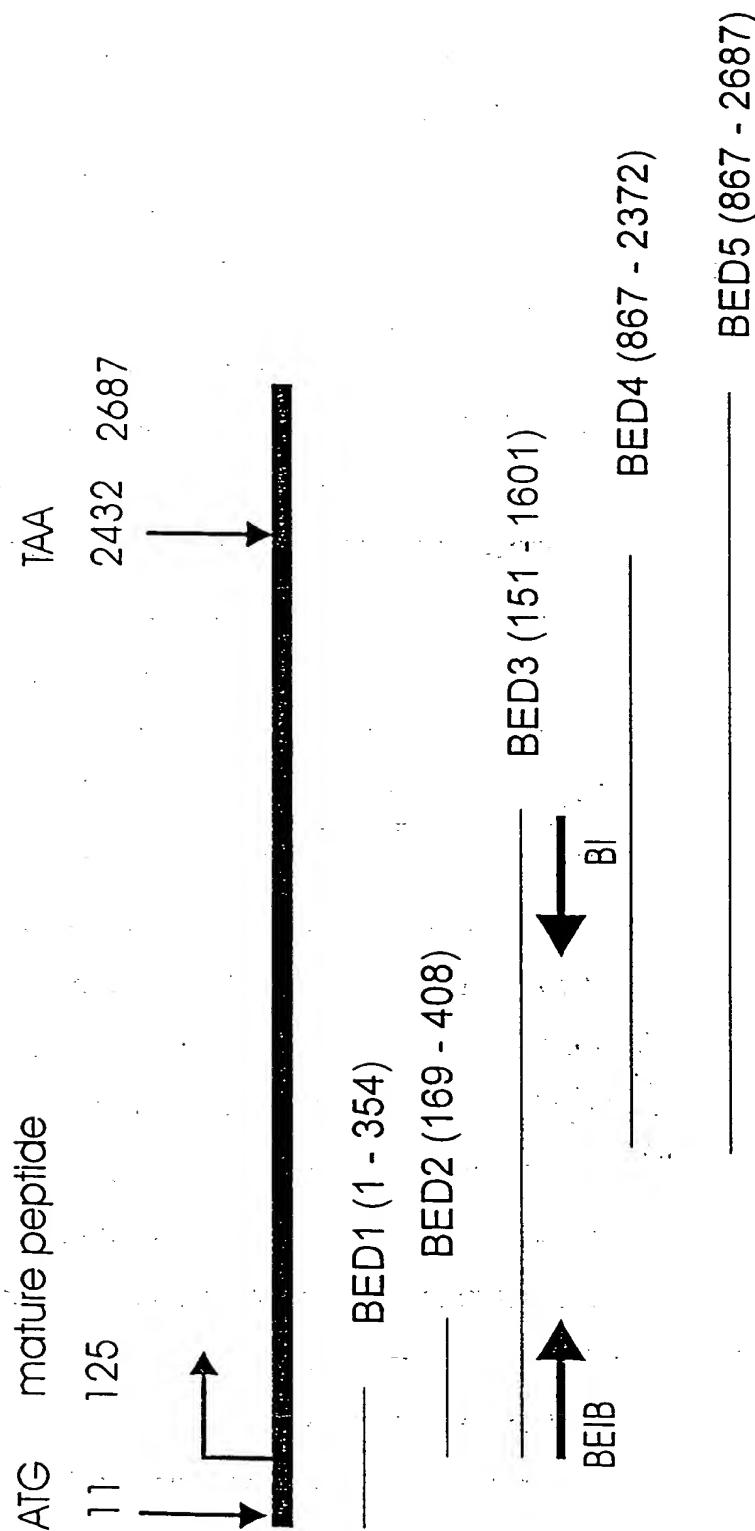


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 1401 TTGACTATCG CCTTGCTATG GCTATTCCCTG ATAGATGGAT TGACTACTTG
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 1501 GACCAACAGG AGATATACGG AAAAGTGCAT TGCATATGCT GAGAGCCACG
 1551 ATCAGTCTAT TGTTGGCGAC AAGACTATGG CATTCTCTT GATGGACAAG
 1601 GAAATGTATA CTGGCATGTC AGACTTGCAG CCTGCTTCAC CTACAATTGA
 1651 TCGTGGATT GCACTTCAAA AGATGATTCA CTTCATCACC ATGGCCCTTG
 1701 GAGGTGATGG CTACTTGAAT TTTATGGGTA ATGAGTTTGG CCACCCAGAA
 1751 TGGATTGACT TTCCAAGAGA AGGCAACAAAC TGGAGTTATG ATAAATGCAG
 1801 ACGCCAGTGG AGCCTCTCAG ACATTGATCA CCTACGATAC AAGTACATGA
 1851 ACGCATTGGA TCAAGCAATG AATGCGCTCG ACGACAAGTT TTCCTTCCTA
 1901 TCGTCATCAA AGCAGATTGT CAGCGACATG AATGAGGAAA AGAAGATTAT
 1951 TGTATTTGAA CGTGGAGATC TGGTCTTCGT CTTCAATTTCATCCCAGTA
 2001 AAACTTATGA TGGTTACAAA GTCGGATGTG ATTTGCCTGG GAAGTACAAG
 2051 GTAGCTCTGG ACTCCGATGC TCTGATGTTT GGTGGACATG GAAGAGTGGC
 2101 CCAGTACAAC GATCACTTCA CGTCACCTGA AGGAGTACCA GGAGTACCTG
 2151 AAACAAACTT CAACAACCGC CCTAATTCA TCAAAGTCCT GTCTCCACCC
 2201 CGCACTTGTG TGGCTTACTA TCGCGTCGAG GAAAAAGCGG AAAAGCCTAA
 2251 GGATGAAGGA GCTGCTTCTT GGGGCAAAGC TGCTCCTGGG TACATCGATG
 2301 TTGAAGCCAC TCGTGTCAA GACGCAGCAG ATGGTGAGGC GACTTCTGGT
 2351 TCCAAAAAGG CGTCTACAGG AGGTGACTCC AGCAAGAAGG GAATTAACCTT
 2401 TGTCTTCGGG TCACCTGACA AAGATAACAA ATAAGCACCA TATCAACGCT
 2451 TGATCAGAAC CGTGTACCGA CGTCCTTGTA ATATTCCCTGC TATTGCTAGT
 2501 AGTAGCAATA CTGTCAAACG GTGCAGACTT GAGATTCTGG CTTGGACTTT
 2551 GCTGAGGTTA CCTACTATAT AGAAAGATAA ATAAGAGGTG ATGGTGCGGG

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2601 TCGAGTCCGG CTATATGTGC CAAATATGCG CCATCCCGAG TCCTCTGTCA
2651 TAAAGGAAGT TTCGGGCTTT CAGCCCAGAA TAAAAAA

FIGURE 9a (cont.)

1 MLCLTAPSCS PSLPPRPSRP AADRPAGPGIS AKSKFSVPVS APRDYTMATA
51 EDGVGDLPIY DLDPKFAGFK EHFSYRMKKY LDQKHSIEKH EGGLEEFSKG
101 YLKFGINTEN DATVYREWAP AAMDAQLIGD FNNWNGSGHR MTKDNYGVWS
151 IRISHVNGKP AIPHNSKVKF RFHRGDGLWV DRVPAWIRYA TFDASKFGAP
201 YDGVHWDPPS GERYVFKHPR PRKPDAPRIY EAHVGMSGER PEVSTYREFA
251 DNVLPRIKAN NYNTVQLMAI MEHSILCFFW YHVTNFFAVS SRSGTPEDLK
301 YLVDKAHSLG LRVLMDVVHS HASSNMTDGL NGYDVGQNTQ ESYFHTGERG
351 YHKLWDSRLF NYANWEVLRV LLSNLRYWMD EFMFDGFRFD GVTSMLYNHH
401 GINMSFAGNY KEYFGLTDV DAVVYMMLAN HLMHKILPEA TVVAEDVSGM
451 PVLCRSVDEG GVGFDYRLAM AIPDRWIDYL KNKDDLEWSM SAIAHTLTNR
501 RYTEKCIAYA ESHDQSIVGD KTMAFLLMDK EMYTGMSDLQ PASPTIDRGI
551 ALQKMIHFIT MALGGDGYLN FMGNEFGHPE WIDFPREGNN WSYDKCRRQW
601 SLSDIDHLRY KYMNAFDQAM NALDDKFSFL SSSKQIVSDM NEEKKIIIVFE
651 RGDLVFVFNF HPSKTYDGYK VGCDLPGKYK VALDSDALMF GGHGRVAQYN
701 DHFTSPEGVP GVPETNFNNR PNSFKVLSPP RTCVAYYRVE EKAEKPKDEG
751 AASWGKAAPG YIDVEATRVK DAADGEATSG SKKASTGGDS SKKGINFVFG
801 SPDKDNE*

1 GCGACTTCTG GTTCCAAAAA GGCCTCTACA GGGAGGTGAC TCCAGCAAGA
51 AGGGAATTAA CTTTGTCTTC GGGTCACCTG ACAAAAGATAA CAAATAAGCA
101 CCATATCAAC GCTTGATCAG AACCGTGTAC CGACGTCCTT GTAATATTCC
151 TGCTATTGCT AGTAGTAGCA ATACTGTCAA ACTGTGCAGA CTTGAGATTG
201 TGGCTTGGAC TTTGCTGAGG TTACCTACTA TATAGAAAGA TAAATAAGAG
251 GTGATGGTGC GGGTCGAGTC CGGCTATATG TGCCAAATAT GCGCCATCCC
301 GAGTCCTCTG TCATAAAGGA.

Expression of starch biosynthetic genes

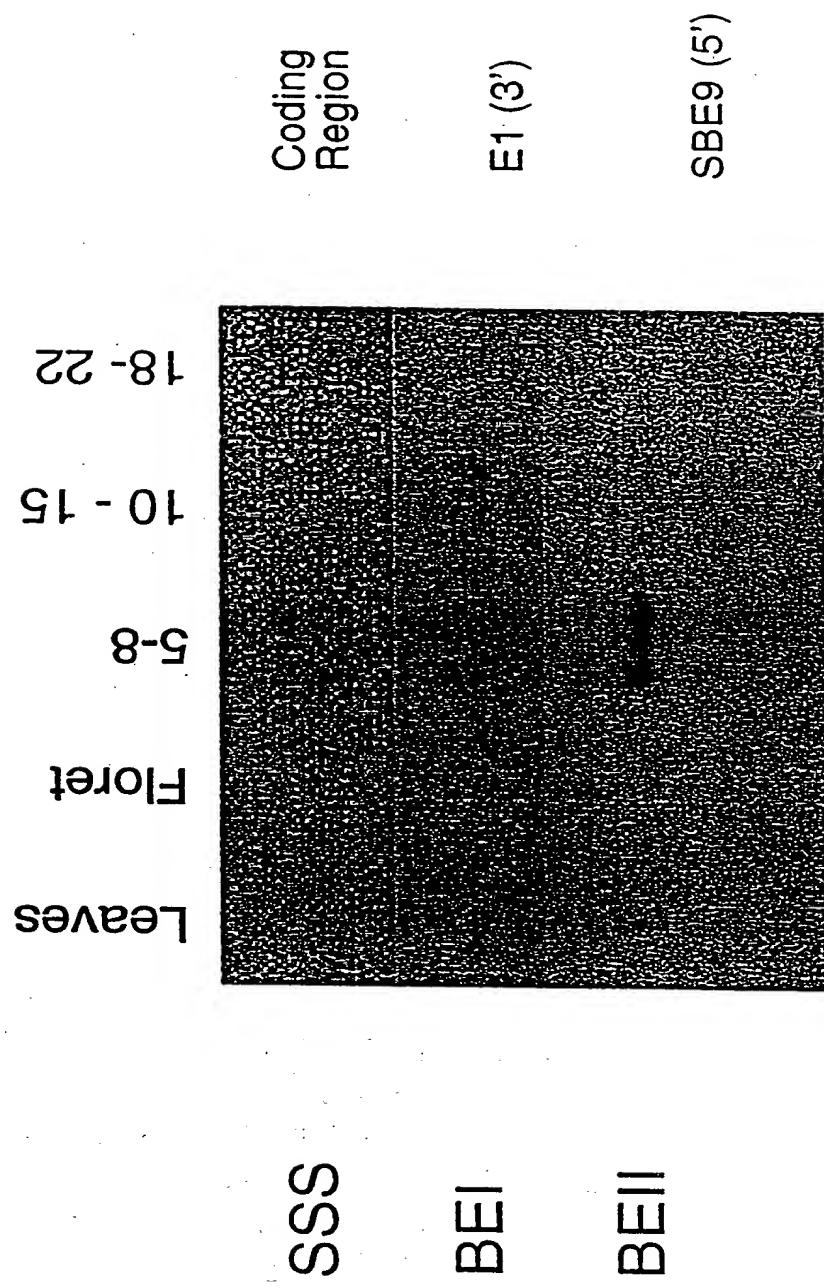


FIGURE 11

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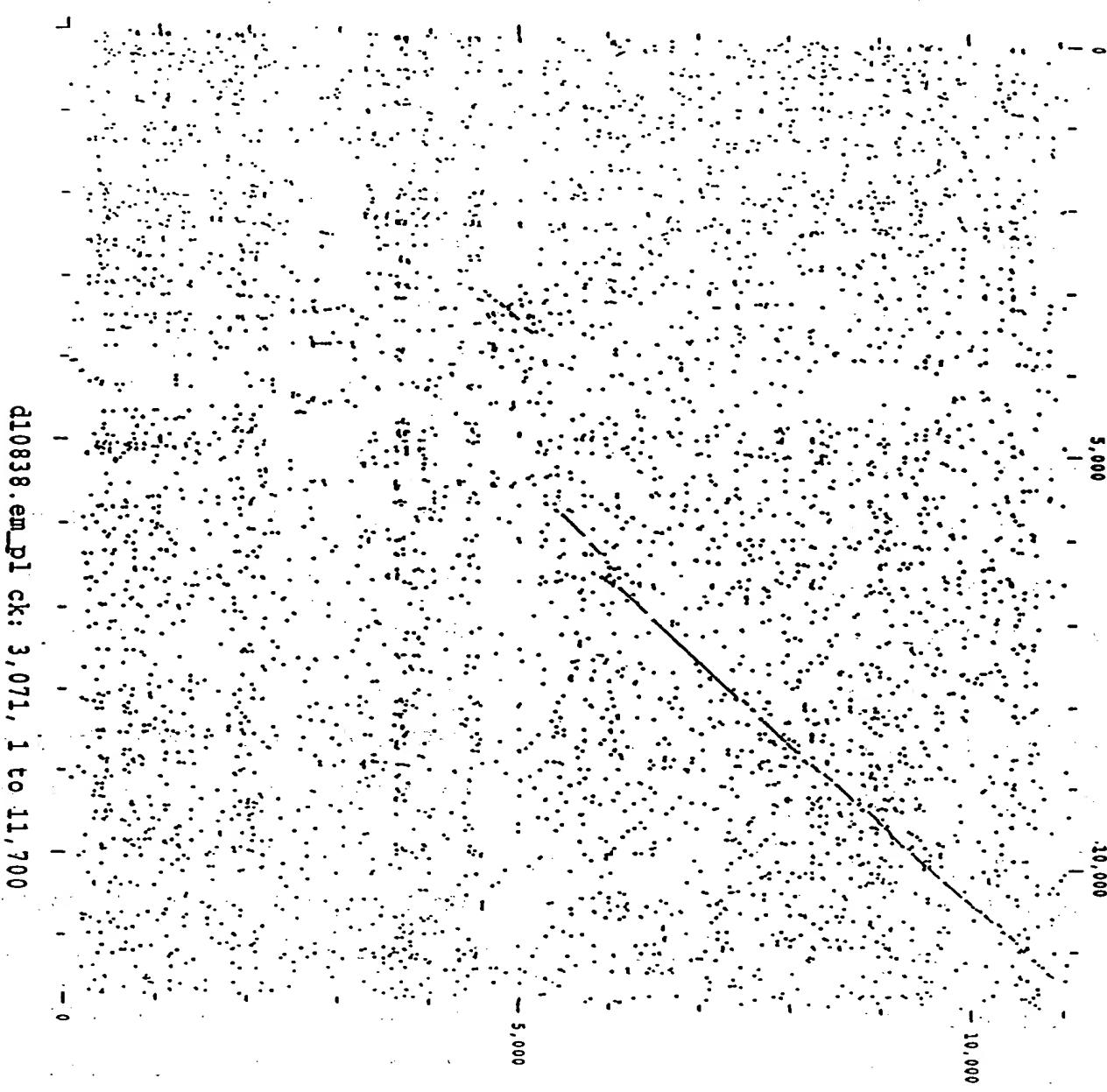


FIGURE 12

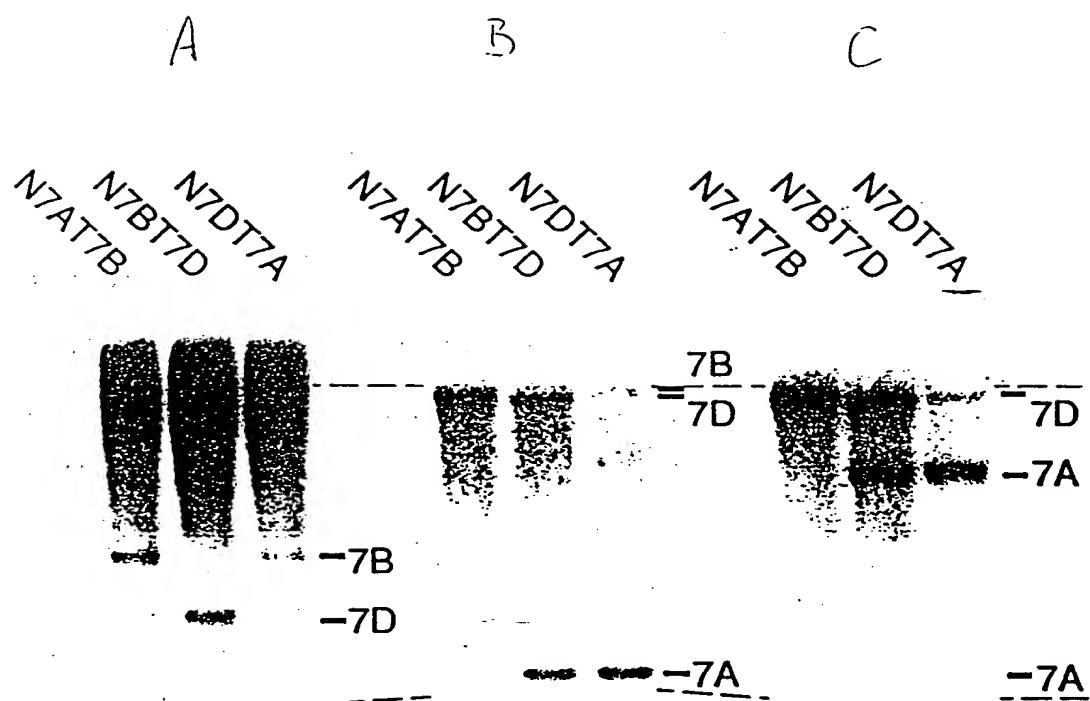


FIGURE 13

1 GGGTGGCGGG TCGGGCGGCA AGGCGCGGGG CGGCGGGGCG GCNCGGGGCG
 51 GCNGCGGC GGCGGGCGGC AGCGGCGGCT AGGGTTTCGC GGCGCGGC
 101 ACTTGGGCTG AGGCGGGGCA CGGGCTGCGG CTTTAAAGGC CGGCCAGGCT
 151 GAGGTGTCCG GGTGGACAC GGCCCGTAAG GCGGTTGACT TTAAAAAATA
 201 ATAATTGCGA CATGAAAAA AGTAAGAAA GAAATAATAA ACGGACTCCA
 251 AAAATCCCGA AGTAAATTT TCCCCATTCT TAAAAATAAG CCGGACAAGA
 301 TGAACATTTA TTTGGGCCTA AAATGCAATT TTGAAAAATG CGTATTTTC
 351 CTAATTGCGA ATAAAATCAA ATAAAATCCA AATAAAATCA AATATTTGTT
 401 TTTAATATTT TTCCTCCAAT ATTCATTAT TTGTGAAGAA GTCATTTAT
 451 CCCATCTCAT ATATTTGAT ATGAAATATT TTCGGAGAGA AAAATAATTA
 501 AAACAAATGA TCCTATTTTC AAAATTGAG AAAACCCAAA TATGAAAATA
 551 ACGAAATCCC CAACTCTCTC CGTGGGTCT TGAGTTGCGT GAAATTTCTA
 601 GGATCACAAA TCAAAATGCA ATAAAATATG ATATGCATGA TGATCTAATG
 651 TATAACATTC CAATTGAAAA TTTGGGATGT TACATATAAC TCAAATTCTA
 701 TAATTATGAA CACAGAAATA TTAATGTAGA ACTCTATTT GTTTGAAAT
 751 TGTATTATTT TTTAGAATTG GTCTAGAGCA TTTCGTGAAC TTGAATCAA
 801 CCTTTAAATA AAACAAAGCA TAAAATGAC AAATTACAT ATGAAATAAC
 851 TTGTGTTACA TAGATTTATT ACAATAGCGT TGTATGTGTG TATGTGTGCG
 901 TGAGTGCCTA TGGTAATATC AATAAATATC TTGATAGATG TTTCTACAAT
 951 TCACGGGTCT AACTAGTAAT GCAATGCAAT GCATGCTAAA AGAATAGAAC
 1001 CTTAGTTCA TTTAACTAAC AATTTCAAA TGTATGAGTT GCCAACAAAGT
 1051 GGCATACTTG GCACTGTTG TTTGTTCAATT TTATGGAAAG TTCTCTCTT
 1101 TTTACATGGT TTAGATTCCA GCATGTAGCC ACAAAATATG ATTGTCAAAA
 1151 GATAATACCT CATAATACAA TTCCACTAAA GTCACCTAGC CCAAGTGACC
 1201 GACCTGATCC TGAAATAAAA TCAGAAGATT TGGTGTACATC ATCATGACAA

1251 CAAATTATTA GGCGGTAGAT CTTGTGGTAG TACTCATGAT GTAAAATTAT
 1301 CAAGAGGGAG AGAATGTATG GAGATTTATG TGAAGTACAT CGTACACCAG
 1351 ACATAGTTGA CACATCGATT TTTTAAGATA CATTGGACG CGCCTTGTGG
 1401 GAGTGTAAAG TACTACCATG TATTAGAAGA GGTGAAATGA GAAATGCCAT
 1451 AGCTAGCAAG TAGGCCTAGT TAAGGAAATT CTTCCCTAGA NTCCCCTTCT
 1501 CCCGAAGAGT GAAGTGCTTC AACTAAAGGT TAGACCCACT TAAAAAAATGT
 1551 CACTTTGAAT CTTTGCTTCC CTTGTCGTAA TCCTGTGCAT TTGTAGGTCC
 1601 CTCGGATCTG AGCCCTTCT CCAAGCCCTT CATTGGATTG CCCTGGATGT
 1651 CTTTTGTTA CATTATTATG AAGTGAGAGT GAATTATTAT ATGCCCATAG
 1701 GAGGTGGGAT ATAAAGGCTG TTGGTATTCT GCACCATACA TGCTAGAGTA
 1751 GGGAGGAGAG GCTGGTGCAT GATACATGGT GGACTAGCCC ATATATTTAC
 1801 CCCTCCCCCA CCCACNTAAC AAGTTTTTT NTATTAGGTC TTCATCCTCT
 1851 GATTGTTTT TCTGTTAGCC CATTCTTCAT CATGGACTTA TTAATCATGA
 1901 TTAGTTCTT GGATTTTGT TTACTTGACT TGAATTGAC AATGTGCCTC
 1951 ATATATGGCA TGTGGGACTG ATAGGAAGAT ATATTCTCAC AACATTAAC
 2001 TAAAAAGGAT TATTTTTTG GTGCAGTCGT AAAGAAAACT ACTTTCTTT
 2051 ATGCTAAAAG TTATTCAAAC ATAGATTTAT AAACAAAGGA TATCACCATG
 2101 CATGACCATG CGCTCTCTCA TGTTTACTCT AGAAACCATA TATCTTTG
 2151 TTGCAAAATA TTTAATCTAT CCTCCTTGT TCTGGGAATG AGTCGGGGAA
 2201 GGTAACTTA GGGAAAGGTTA AAGTGAGGCA AGTAAGAGCA ACTCTAGCAG
 2251 AGTCGCGATA TGCCCAATCG CCATAATGCC AATATGGCAT TTTTGGCCA
 2301 AAATGGCACT TCAGAAGAGT CACCATATCC CTTCGGATAG CCATAATTAA
 2351 GGGAGCTCGC TCCACAAACA AGCTTCGAGC CTCCAAATAT GGAGGCCATG
 2401 GATTGTTGT TTGGCACTCA CTCCATATCC AACCGCAAGC GCATGCATGA
 2451 GGGAAAGTTTT AGCTTCTTCC TCCTTGCGCC AACGCCGGGA TTTTACACAG

2501 CGCATTACAG GTACATGAAC CAGCATGCAC AGATAATCAC CGACGAGTGG
 2551 GGTGACAAGA AGGATAAGCA CCCTCCCATT AGTGGTGCGC CCACTCCCCT
 2601 CAAATTCATG AGGCAGCCAT TTGGATGGTC ATCGCGTGGC ATAAGCTCCG
 2651 ACTATAAAAT CTCAACGGCA TCACCAAAAC CATAGCTGCC GCCTCCCCCT
 2701 TCCTCGGCAT CACCTCCCCA AGACATCTCC TCCCCTCTAT GCCACAATGT
 2751 CATCATTATG GAGAGACACA ACNTACTGGN TAAACCGCAT ACCCAATCAT
 2801 GGTTTACCGG CAGTGCAC CCCACCTTCC TCCCACGATG GTAGGATATT
 2851 CTCCTCCTAG AATGGCGCGT GTGGCGCTTC CTCCCTCCGA GGCTGATATG
 2901 TCGGCTCCCA TGATGGCGTG CATCATTGAT TTGGCGCTTC GGGTCCATCA
 2951 TACATGTTAA CGAGGTCATC CCCATTGATG TCGTTGGTCC CCTTGCCCCC
 3001 CAGTCGGATC CTGAGGACCC GTTCGATGTC GCAATGCGAC TCTCCAAACT
 3051 CAAAGCTCAC AATGAGGAGT ACGTCCTCTA GGAGTTCCGC CCCGCAACCA
 3101 TCTATAAGGA GGAGCAACGA TAGCTCTCCC CTACGCCTTC CTCGACGATC
 3151 TCTCTTAGGA GGACAACGGC TAGACGACGG CGGC GGCGGGC GAAGGTACTG
 3201 CAGGTAGTAG AACATAGCAA TGTCGAATGG CGACATTGCA TATTTGAAA
 3251 ATGTCGCTCA ACGACTTTG AAGTCGAAA TAAAATGTAG TGTGACTACT
 3301 TTTGGCCAGC AATATAAGTT TATCACATTT GATAATGATT TGAACCGGTG
 3351 TGGTTCAACT AAATGTACCA TAAATTGAAC ATACAAATTG TTAGCAAATG
 3401 AAAAAAGAAA CAAGTAAGAC CACAAATATG AAAGCCGCAT ATCGCGACTA
 3451 TGTGTTGAG CCGCAGCTGC CAAGTACATA TGAAGCGTAC TCCATATGAC
 3501 ATACGACAAC CATAACATATG AAGACTCTAC TAGAGTTCTC TAAGGCCGCT
 3551 TTTAGCGCCT TTCGTGCAGT GGTGCCATA GGGAGTGAGG GTAGTTGGAC
 3601 TGTTCGTTTC CCCTTTTTTC ATTTCTTTGA AATCTATTG AATTTTTTTC
 3651 TCTTTGTAG GTTTCCAAA TTTATATACC ATTTTTCTGT TTCTCGCTAT

FIGURE 14a (cont.)

3701 TTTTGTTGT TATATTCTAG TTTCATATT TTCTATTATT AATTGTGTC
 3751 TCTTATGAGA AGTCCAGACT TGCATATGGA GGTGCACACA CAAACATATA
 3801 AAGTATAAAAT ACTAACTTGA GAAGTATGTT TGCCTGGTCA AAAAAACATC
 3851 ATCAAAACCT GCCAATATGA GATATAGTT TGAATATATC AATATGAGCA
 3901 ACGCAACCAT TTAAAATGTG AACAAATTGTT TTTTAGAAA AAATATAAGA
 3951 AATAACTCCA ACCCAGCCAA ACCACATGCT ATACACTTGC TCCATATGAA
 4001 ACCATGTTG CTATTGGCA GTTGCCTGAA ACCGAAAGTA ATGTTAGCCG
 4051 TTTTCTATT CAAAGAAGAA GGAGAGTCGA GGTGACGCGA TGCTTAGACG
 4101 NTGAGATGGG GATGACCACA ACGTCCCTAC AGAGACCTCA CCGGAGATGG
 4151 GGACATGCA GTTGACACGA GAGCGGTGAG GGGCTGCGAT GCGTGTGCGG
 4201 CAACATGTGG CGAGGCGGAC GTCGGGCTGG CAGGTAGGGG GGAGGGGGAA
 4251 GGACCGGGGG AGGAAGAAGA GGAGTAGCCT GCAAAACATG GTACACCAGT
 4301 TTTCTGCCCT ACGAAAACCT CATTTCATTC CCCCACCCCTG ACAAGCAACA
 4351 ACCAACCATC GCAGTCCAC ATGTCCCTCT GGTCTTGCA AAAAGTAATT
 4401 GTTCTTGCTG GACAGCGCAA AGAGTAAACT TTTGTTAGTT TTCATTTCTA
 4451 GAAAAAGCAA TCCTTTATA GTTCTTTGT GAAAGTAATG CTTTTATAGT
 4501 GATTGGGATG TTCTTTAGA GCAAATATCT TCTTTTTTT TTAGGGAAAA
 4551 GAGCAAATAT CTTCCACTTT TCACAAAACT GACGAAGGCT GAAAGTGGCG
 4601 AGACANGTGA GGGCCCATAG CTTTCGTCCG GCCCAGCGGC GCACGACCGT
 4651 CCACGTGCAC CCCGGCCCTC CCGGGCCCGC AGATCCGNTT CTCCCTCGCC
 4701 CCCGTTCCCC CCTCCCTCCC TCTCGTTGCT TCCACTCCAC TGTTCTCCTC
 4751 TTCCTGTCCA AAGCGGCCAC GGACCGGAAA AAAATCACGC CTTTCCGTTG
 4801 GGTCTCCGGC GCCACACTCC TCCTCCGGCC GATATAAAGC GCGCGGGGCC
 4851 ACGGGCCCCGG CGCAAAATGG GATTCCCGTC CGCCGCCATG GAGGAAGATG

FIGURE 14a (cont.)

1 ACGGGCCCGG CGCAAAATGG GATTCCCGTC CGCCGCCATG GAGGAAGATG
 51 TTCTGCTTCA CCGCCCCCTTC CTGNTCGCCA TNTCTCCCGC CGCGCCCNTC
 101 CCGTCCCGNT GCTGACCGGC CGGGACCGGG GATCTCGGTG AGTCAGTCGG
 151 GATCTTCATT TCTTTTCTTT TCTTTCGTTT CCGGCNTCCG TTCTGCCGGG
 201 GTTTCCCTGA TGCGATGCCG CGCGCGCGCA GGGCGGCGGC AATGTGCCGC
 251 TGAGCGCGGT GCCCCGCGCCC TCTTCGCTCC GCTGGTGTGG CCGCGGAAGG
 301 TGAGCCCTCT CCCCTGTCTA CCCAGATTG CGACCGTGAT CCCCTGTTGT
 351 CGCCGGGCAA ACGGAATCTG ATCCACGGTG GTTATTGGAA ATAGTATATA
 401 CTACTAATAA ACTTGAGGCT GGGATTCGTC CACTGAGGAA CAAGTGGATG
 451 CGATTTCGAT TGGATTTCCTC TGCTTTATGC GATCCGTACG CAGAATATCC
 501 CTCCTGCAGT GTCTCAACCG TATTACTGGA TGTACAACCC AAATGTGTAT
 551 AATCTGTGCT GAATGTATCA ACCAATAATT GCTGCATTGT GAAAACATAA
 601 TCCTGTGTTG TGTCTCTACT ACTTGTTCAAG TCCTGATCTG CCGCTTATCC
 651 TAACTTTGT TCATTTATGG AAGGCCAAGA GCAAGTTCTC TGTTCCCGTG
 701 TCTGCGCCAA GAGACTACAC CATGGCAACA GCTGAAGATG GTGTTGGCGA
 751 CCTTCCGATA TACGATCTGG ATCCGAAGTT TGCCGGCTTC AAGGAACACT
 801 TCAGTTATAG GATGAAAAAG TACCTTGACC AGAAACATTC GATTGAGAAG
 851 CACGAGGGAG GCCTTGAAGA GTTCTCTAAA GGTTAGCTTT TGTTTCATGT
 901 GTTTGAAACA ATAGTTACAT CTTGTGGCGT CCGCAGCACA AAAGACATAA
 951 TGCGACTCTG TTTTGTAGGC TATTTGAAGT TTGGGATCAA CACAGAAAAT
 1001 GACGCAACTG TGTACCGGGA ATGGGCCCCCT GCAGCAATGT AAGTTCTAGT
 1051 GTTGTACGC AACTAATTGC AATGGTCGTT GGTTAACTTA TGAAGTGCTG

FIGURE 14b

1101 ATGAAACTGT CTTAAGAGTT TATGGCTTGT CTTTTCTGAT TCTAGCTAGT
 1151 AAAGAGTAGA TAAATATGAA ATATGTTTC CCTTTCTAG TTATGGTCAT
 1201 GGTTGGCTGG TATTCAATTTC TTTTATGGCA ATACTTGCTT CTAACATCT
 1251 TTAGTAGATT CATGTATTTA CTTGTGAGTC ATTACTTTAT GGGTGTAGGG
 1301 ATGCACAACT TATTGGTGAC TTCAACAACT GGAATGGCTC TGGGCACAGG
 1351 ATGACAAAGG ATAATTATGG TGTTTGGTCA ATCAGGATT CCCATGTCAA
 1401 TGGGAAACCT GCCATCCCC ATAATTCAA GGTTAAATT CGATTTCACC
 1451 GTGGAGATGG ACTATGGGTC GATCGGGTTC CTGCATGGAT TCGTTATGCA
 1551 TCCACCTTCT GGTGAAAGGT CTACTTTAG TGGCTCGAGA GCAAGAAATC
 1601 TAAGTAAAAC CCACACAAATT AACTTACATT AATGTGGAGA CATGATACTT
 1651 TTATTGCTCG TTTGCAGGT ATGTGTTAA GCATCCTCGG CCTCGAAAGC
 1701 CTGACGCTCC ACGTATTTAC GAGGCTCATG TGGGGATGAG TGGTGAAG
 1751 CCTGAAGTAA GCACATACAG AGAATTGCA GACAATGTGT TACCGCGCAT
 1801 AAAGGCAAAC AACTACAACA CAGTTCAGCT GATGGCAATC ATGGAACATT
 1851 CCATATTATG CTTCTTTGG GTACATGTTG ACGAATTCT TCGCAGTTAG
 1901 CAGCAGATCA GGAACCCAGA AGACCTCAA TATCTGTTG ACAAGGCACA
 1951 TAGTTTAGGT TGCCTGTTCT GATGGATGTT GTCCATAGCC ATGCGAGCAG
 2001 TAATAAGACA GATGGCTTA ATGGCTATGA TGTTGGCAA AACACACAGG
 2051 AGTCCTATTT CCACACAGGA GAAAGGGCT ATCATAAACT GTGGGATAGC
 2101 CGCCTGTTCA ACTATGCCAA TTGGGANGTC TTACGATTTC TTCTTTCTAA
 2151 TCTGAGATAT TGGATGGACG AATTCAATGTT TGATGGCTTC CGATTTGATG

2201 GGGTAACATC CATGCTATAT AATCACCATG GTATCAATAT GTCATTCGCT
 2251 GGAAGTTACA AGGAATATTT TGGTTGGAT ACTGATGTAG ATGCAGTTGT
 2301 TTACCTGATG CTTGCGAACCC ATTTAATGCA CAAACTCTTG CCAGAAGCAA
 2351 CTGTTGTTGC AGAAGATGTT TCAGGCATGC CAGTGCTTTG TCGGTCAGTT
 2401 GATGAAGGTG GAGTAGGGTT TGACTATCGC CTGGCTATGG CTATTCTGA
 2451 TAGATGGATC GACTACTTGA AGAACAAAGA TGACCTTGAA TGGTCAATGA
 2501 GTGGAATAGC ACATACTCTG ACCAACAGGA GATATACGGA AAAGTGCATT
 2551 GCATATGCTG AGAGCCATGA TCAGGTATGT TTTCCCTCCT TTGTCGCTGT
 2601 GCGTGAGTAT GTGTTCTTT TTTATGGGGC ACTGGTCTAA GAACATACAG
 2651 TTCAAAGGTG AGACACTTTC TTTGCCTGGT AGACAAATTT GAGAAATAAA
 2701 CATTTCGCTT GATGACTTTT AGTTGCTTCA CAAGTTGAA TTAAGTTAGT
 2751 TATATTCTGA TAACTAGTGA TAGTACCCAC TAACCAGCTA TTACGGACCA
 2801 TGTAAGAATG TCCGAAGACT GCAGTTATAT ATCGTTGACT TTGTGTTCAT
 2851 CTATTGAAAC AACTTAGTAG TTAACTTTCA CGCAAATTTT CAGTCTATTG
 2901 TTGGCGACAA GACTATGGCA TTTCTCTTGA TGGACAAGGA AATGTATACT
 2951 GGCATGTCAG ACTTGCAGCC TGCTTCGCCT ACAATTGATC GTGGAATTGC
 3001 ACTTCAAAAG GTTCGATTG TTTTAAGTAT TCCTGAATTT GATGTTCTAG
 3051 TTCCAGACGA GTATTGTAAT GTTCGTTGTT ACTCAGAGTT CTGCTTAGTC
 3101 CTTGAAGATA ATGTATTCCA GTCCCTTTG GTACATTGG CTTATTTGT
 3151 TACAAATATT TCAGATGATT CACTTCATCA CCATGGCCCT TGGAGGTGAT
 3201 GGCTACTTGA ATTTATGGG TAATGAGGTA ATATCTGGTT ATCTGTCAA
 3251 ACTTATTCT GATCAATATG TTTCGGGATT CCCTCGAAAA AAATCCTTG
 3301 GGCAGGGCGA AAAGTTAAA CATCTGTTTT CTATGATAGC CAAGTACTCC
 3351 CCAGCTATTT CCATGTTATC ACGTATCATT TAGCTGTGCC GGTAGTTAAT

3401 CTTTATTCTA ATTCAATTGTT GTTTTTAGC GTGGCAGTCT ATTGTTGGAT
 3451 CCTCTTATTC CAATTACATA TATGCCGACA TCACACACTT ATGAATATTC
 3501 CCTGTTAAA AGATTTTAT TTTATACCAA TGTTCTCCG TAAATGATGC
 3551 AAACATGATA GAGATGTTAG CATGTCTTC TTAACCTACT CATGTTTAC
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 3651 GCAACCTGAC AACGTTTATA TCTGTTTCT AACTCATACT GACGGTGCAA
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 3751 CAACAACGG AGTTATGATA AATGCAGACG CCAGTGGAGC CTCGCAGACA
 3801 TTGATCACCT ACGATACAAG GTTATGCCTA TGTATATTT TACAGTTCT
 3851 GGTCTGGTAG CTCTCTTGGG ATCTTGACCT CACTTAGTTC CTTCATCTCT
 3901 GACTGTAGCT TATTTACACT GTGTTCCAAC TTCTGTCTTG TGGATAAATT
 3951 CTCCCTTCTA ACGTTTCATA TTAAGCCTTT CAAACTAAAC TAAATTGCTG
 4001 ATCTACTACT AGTTGCTCAG TACGATGACC AAATCTTGCC TGTGGTAACC
 4051 TAGTAATTTT CTTGATTCTT ACACATTAGT GATATGCAGT GCATACATTA
 4101 TCCATATAAA TTGACATTGC AATTTCCCAA ATATTATTTG AAGGCTGTGT
 4151 TCTTTGTTA ACAGGAAGTT ATTTTCTCTG CATCTGATAA ATAATAATAG
 4201 CCTTTCACGA TTTTTCTCAT ATTTTATCCA ACTTTCTGC ATTCAAGCAT
 4251 TTTTGTTTC TCGCCTAACAA TATATAATTT GAACAGTACA TGAACGCATT
 4301 TGATCAAGCA ATGAATGCGC TCGACGACAA ATTTTCTTC CTATCATCAT
 4351 CAAAGCAGAT TGTCAGCGAC ATGAATGAGG AAAAGAAGTA GTTAACATATA
 4401 CAATGTTAG TCAGGGCAGC TGTTGCATCA TTTGATTACAC TCCTACTCTT
 4451 AAGAATAGCA ACTCTGACTT GTGCGTTTA TGTTACCAA TAAGTTGAAA
 4501 CCGTATCTGT TTGATATGAA CCATTGTTGT CTCAAAATGG GCTATGGACT
 4551 CAATCCAATC TCCTTTCCAG ATTATTGTAT TTGAACGTGG ANATCTGGTC

FIGURE 14b (cont.)

4601 TTCGTCTTCA ATTTCATCC CAGTAAAAT TATGATGGT AACTGATCTC
 4651 TTGCAAGCTT TGCCTTCAA TATTCTTCT GCTTAATGAC TAATGTGCTT
 4701 AATCTCGTTT CCACTTTAA AACACGCAGT TACAAAGTCG GATGTGACTT
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 4801 GACATGGAAG AGTAAGCAAT GTTAATGATG TTCAAGATCT GTTTGCAAC
 4851 ACTATGTTCT TCTATAGAAG GGGCCATCAA GGCTGCATCA GATAATCTTA
 4901 TTTGCAGTGT TGATCTGTGC TGCATCGCAG GTGGCCCATG ACAACGATCA
 4951 CTTTACGTCA CCTGAAGGAG TACCAAGGAGT ACCTGAAACA AACTTCAACA
 5001 ACCGCCCTAA CTCATTCAAATCCTGCTC CATCCGCAC TTGTGTGGTA
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 5201 GGGAAACTGC TCTCGGGTAC ATCGATGTTG AAGCCACTGG CGTCAAAGAC
 5251 GCAGCAGATG GTGAGGCGAC TTCTGGTTCC GAAAAGGCGT CTACAGGAGG
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 5401 CCTTGTAATA CTCCTGCTAT TGCTAGTAGT AGCAATACTG TCAAACGTG
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 5551 ATATGCGCCA TCCCAGTCC TCTGTATAA AGAAAGTTTC GGGCTTCAT
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 5701 TGCTAATAAC TGCAGGGCCA AGAAAGCCTA GATTGTATCT TTTTTGCTA
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6051 TGC ACTGCAC CTTGGCATG AACAGAAGCA ANNCAGGGC TTGGA ACTGA
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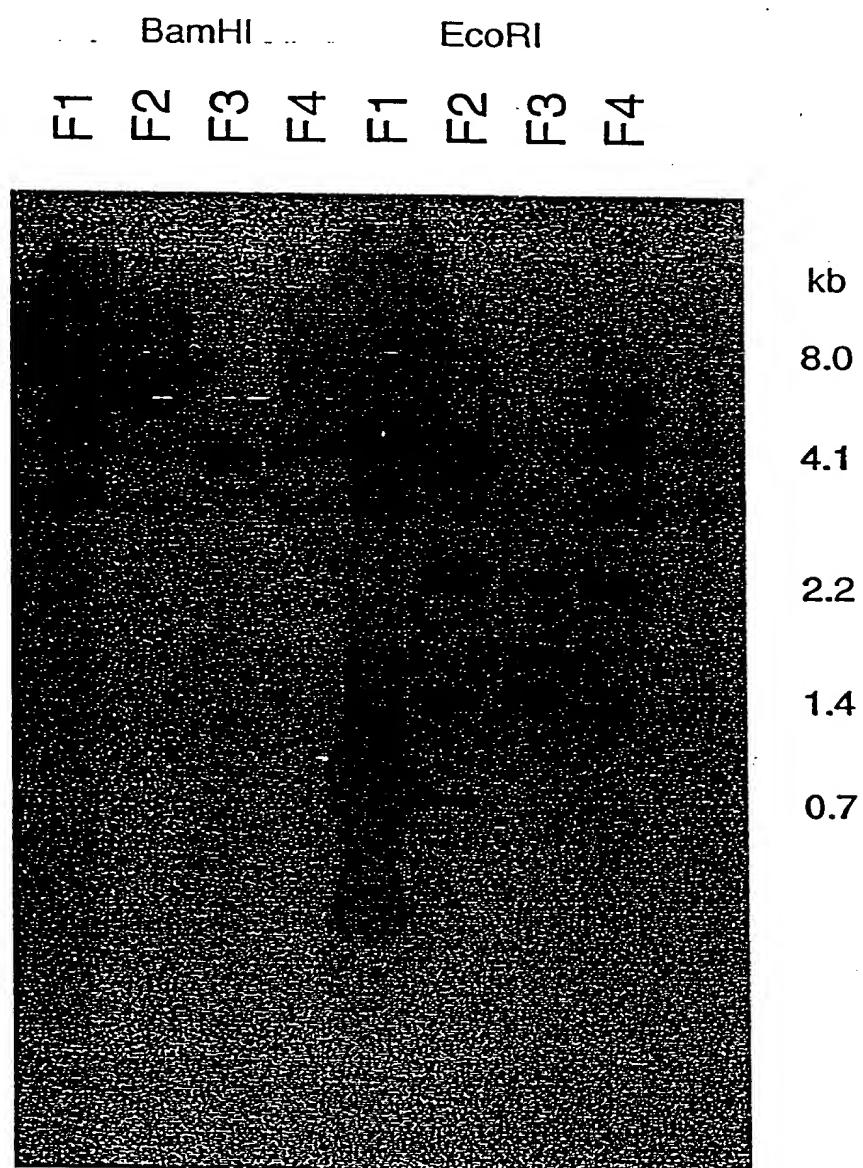


FIGURE 15

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N-terminal sequences of cereal starch branching enzymes

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RICEBEI ^b	A	T	A	R	K	N	K	T	M	V	T	V	V	E	E	V						
WBE-I _{AD}	V	S	A	P	R	D	Y	T	M	A	T	A	E	D	G	V						
MAIZE	A	T	V	Q	E	D	K	T	M	A	T	A	K	G	D	V						
BEI ^c																						
RICEBEII	A	A	G	A	S	G	E	-	V	M	I	P	E	G	E	S	D	G	M	P	V	S
WBE-II	A	A	S	P	G	K	-	V	L	V	P	D	G	E	S	D	D	L	A	S	Y	
MAIZE	A	A	A	A	R	K	A	V	M	V	P	E	G	E	N	D	G	L	A	S		
BEII ^b																						

^a N-terminal amino acid of the mature polypeptide. ^b Kawasaki *et al.* (1993), ^c Baba *et al.* (1991),

^b Mizuno *et al.* (1993), ^b Fisher *et al.* (1993)

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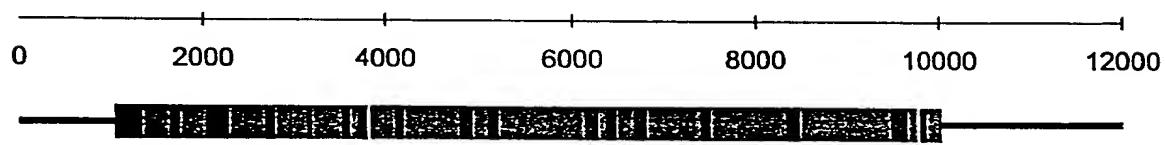
FIGURE 17a

FIGURE 17b

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Branching Enzyme-II Genes

Intron/Exon structure of wheat BE-II



Schematic Diagram of a cDNA for BE-II

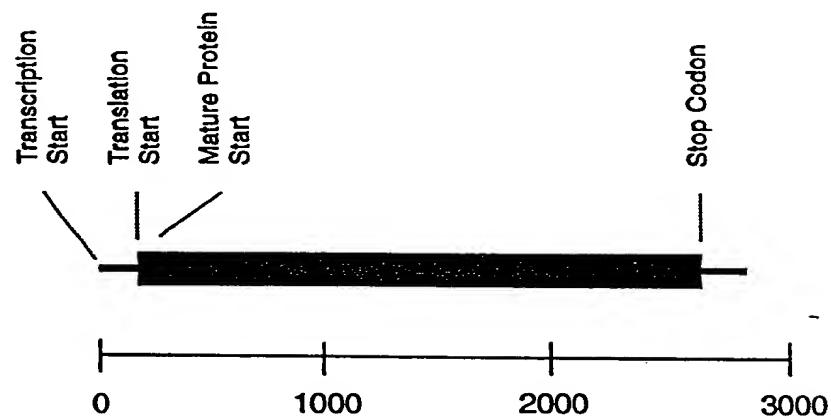


FIGURE 18

Wheat DNA Probed
with 5' end of SBE-II

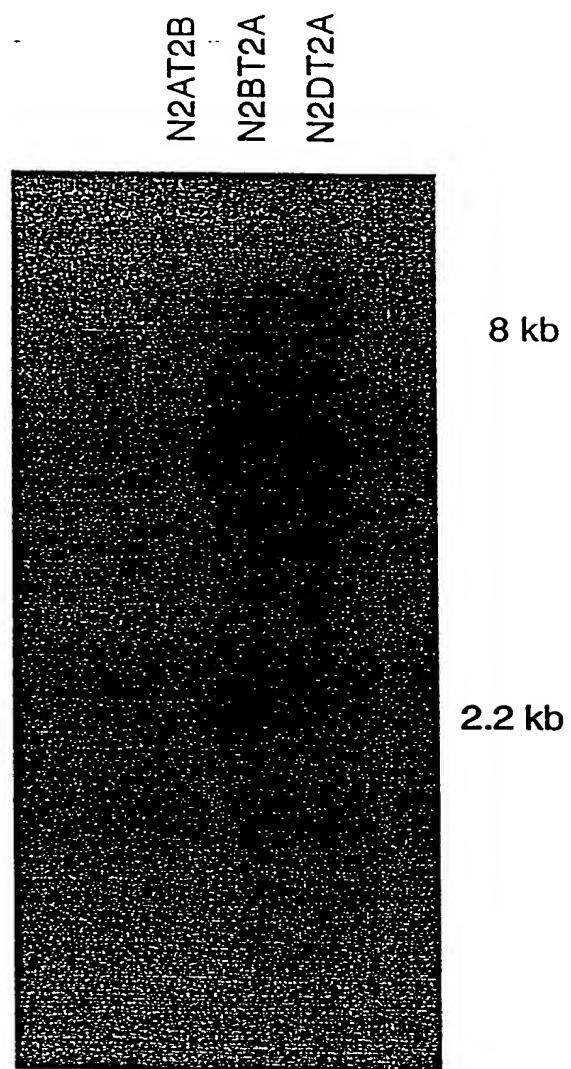


FIGURE 19

COMPARISON OF N-TERMINAL SEQUENCES
OF SOLUBLE STARCH SYNTHASE

GRYVAELSREGPAARP Deduced from wheat cDNA

GPYVAELSPEGPAAPP Wheat N-terminal

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51 CCATCACCTC GGCCTCGGCC ACCGGCAAAC CCCCCGATCC GCTTTGCAG
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1801 TGGATTAGT GTTCCAGTTT CCCACAGAAT AACTGCAGGT TGCGATATAT
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1951 CACAGTCGAG ACCTTCAACC CTTTGGTGC AAAAGGAGAG GAGGGTACAG

2001 GGTGGGCGTT CTCACCGCTA ACCGTGGACA AGATGTTGTG GGCATTGCGA
2051 ACCGCGATGT CGACATTCAAG GGAGCACAAG CCGTCCTGGG AGGGGCTCAT
2101 GAAGCGAGGC ATGACGAAAG ACCATACGTG GGACCATGCC GCCGAGCAGT
2151 ACGAGCAGAT CTTCGAATGG GCCTTCGTGG ACCAACCTA CGTCATGTAG
2201 ACGGGGACTG GGGAGGTCGA AGCGCGGGTC TCCTTGAGCT CTGAAGACAT
2251 GTTCCTCATC CTTCCGCGGC CCGGAAGGAT ACCCCTGTAC ATTGCGTTGT
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2401 ACAGTTACAG TTTTGGGAA TAAGGAAGGG ATGTGCTGCA GGATGGTTAA
2451 CAGCAAAGCA CCACTCAGAT GGCAGCCTCT CTGTCCTGT TACAGCTGAA
2501 ATCAGAAACC AACTGGTGAC TCTTTAGCCT TAGCGATTGT GAAGTTTGT
2551 GCATTCTGTG TATGTTGTCT TGTCCTTAGC TGACAAATAT TAGACCTGTT
2601 GGAGAATTTT ATTTATCTT GCTGCTGTTG TTTTTGTTT GTTAAAAAAA
2651 AAAAAAAAAA AA

1 GAGCTCCGAG AAnAGATTCC TATCATCGTC TTGGTGAGGT GAGGTTATGG
 51 TTTCTTGTCA TGTGGGCAGA TTTGGTGCCA GATGCTTCAT ATCTATTCAA
 101 GGGTTCAGCG GCAACAACTG CGGCTCCAGA GCGATGGTCC TTAAGGGCAC
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 201 AGGGGAGCAG CGACAGCGGC GCGTCAACCG CTCGTTCTGG CGGCAGTAGT
 251 GGTCGTTCGG TGCTCTCGGA ACCTCGATGT AATTTTTATG ATTTTAGAGA
 301 TGCTTTGTAc TTCCGATCGa TGAACTCTGA TAATAGATAT CTcTTCTcTc
 351 GCAAAAAAaG aGAGTTTCA ActGAAAACA AAaGaGTTTC ActAGTTCTT
 401 CTTTTAGAAA CAGAGTTTCA cTAGCActTT TTTTGcGAG AAGTcGAGTT
 451 TCAcTAAGTA cTAAaCCCAC GCAaTTATTc TCAAAAAAAA AACCCAcGcA
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 551 TTCGTGTGCG AgGCATCCTC TCATTTGcA cGgcCcAGcT cTcTTcTcGC
 601 CGGcGTAcGc TGctAcATgT cGgcAcTCCa cGCAAACAAA AaGAaGCCA
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 701 cGCcGcTcAC GAgCAAACCG TgACAACAGC CAGCCAGATA TGGCAACGGA
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 801 CCGTCCcTCC GCCCGTCCGC gCcAcTCCAc TCGCCTTGCC CCActCCCCAc
 851 TCTTCTCTCC CCGCGCACAC CGAGTCGGCA CCGGCTCATC ACCCATCACy
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 1401 ACcTCcTGCT CGAAGGTAAA AAACAaggct gaatcCtcAg atcaCtcCGc
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 1751 ATATCACTAG ACTGGTATCG TAATTTACTA GTACTACTGG AAAGAGGACT
 1801 AAAAAGGCTA GGCCAAGTGC ACGCATGTTG GGAACGTTGT TAAATTGATG
 1851 AGTTTGTCCCT TTGCTTGGC TGTTATTATT ACCAAAAAAAT GGTGTTAGTC
 1901 CCTGTACTTA TTAATGGGaA AATCtTAACA TGACACTgGG GTTTATGAGT
 1951 CTCCAATTGT ATATTCTCAG CACTCAACTG ATTTTACTGA TACTGTAGTG
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 2101 TCCCTCCGTT CCAAAATAGA TGACTCAACT TTGTACTAAT TTTGTACTAT
 2151 AGTTAGTACA AAGTTGAGTC ATCTATTTA GAACGGAGGG AGTAGTATCG
 2201 AAATTGAAGA CCCTTGTATT ACTGTCTTGT TTTCAATGA AAATGGGAGG
 2251 CCCATGCAGT AAGTCACATG GGCACCTGGG AGGCTGGGAT CATGTGTGCT
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FIGURE 20c (cont.)

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 2551 TATTTTCCAT TTTGCAACCA GGGATTGCTG AGGATTCCAT CGACAGCATA
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 2901 CATGAGTATA GAGACAACGT CGATTGGGTG GGTACACAAT CACCTTCTTA
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 3151 GGAATTGAT AACTAAAGTT TATTTTATTG AAAAAAATTG TAGGTTGGCT
 3201 GAGCCCACAG CCACGCAGTG GCACCACTGC TTGCACATGA TTTGCATT
 3251 CTGTTTGCAC CGAGCACTTC ATGTGAATAA GGTGTAAAAT CATAAAGTAC
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 3451 CTCTGTTGTC ATATAGATAG AAAGCAACAA ACTTATTTC AAGAGCTAAC
 3501 AATGGCAAAA GAACCAAAAA AAGCATGCTA AGGCGGTGAC ACCAAAAGGT

3551 GAGGGGGGCC TTGTGACTGA CAGCACCCCA AACTATTGCC ATTGTTTAC
 3601 TAAATGAAGA TCATTTAGA AGCTCTCAGG AACTTCGAAA ACAGTGGCTT
 3651 TCCGTCCACA GATCGTCTGT TAATATTTT GTCCAGTGAT ACTTTTTTG
 3701 CTCCTTACAA GAGTGCCTAT GTTGACATAT ACATTGTTAA GTTGTTCATA
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 3801 GGCTATTTAT TTTTATTCTC ATTTCAATCA ACACTTTTGT TCAGGTGTTT
 3851 GTCGATCATH CGTCATATCA TAGACCAGGA AGTTTATATG GAGATAATTT
 3901 TGGTGCTTTT GGTGATAATC AGGTACACTA CACTATACTA AGCTCCTAGT
 3951 TGACTAAGTC GTAAGTTGTA CCTCCTCGCT GACCGGCTGC TCTATGTCGT
 4001 GCAGTTCAGA TACACACTCC TTTGCTATGC TGCATGCGAg GCCCCACTAA
 4051 TCCTTGAATT GGGAGGATAT ATTTATGGAC AGAATTGCAT GTTTGTTGTTG
 4101 AACGATTGGC ATGCCAGCCT TGTGCCAGTG TACGTTGTTT GTGGATCTGA
 4151 AAGTCCAATC CTTTATTTCAT TCTCTGCTTT GCAGTGTGCC CATGTCTACA
 4201 TTTCTTTAT GCTTTTTCA TGTCTGTTCT TATATTGCAT ATATGCTTAT
 4251 GGAGTCTAAA AGTTACCGGA GGGAAATAACT C~~t~~TAAGG~~t~~T TCCTCAATCA
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 4351 GAGA~~t~~TTACA ArkTCAGAGA TTgCAC~~t~~TCA CTAG~~t~~TCGTA gCTAA~~t~~CyGA
 4401 tG~~t~~TTTCCCC GAGaAAATGC C~~t~~AAAGCTTT g~~t~~GT~~t~~TGAT gC~~t~~TGATAG
 4451 aAAAAGAg~~t~~T TATG~~t~~ACT C~~C~~caAAGAgG GGACC~~C~~aAAA TTaCaACAcc
 4501 AcACCC~~c~~tGA GaAC~~t~~AgGcG C~~t~~GCCgGAAg AAgCGATgCa AGccCCAcTG
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 4601 CTAGCAGTGC TAGATTGCGC AAGGTCGATT CGTCGAAGAT GACAGTGTG
 4651 CGCTGCTTCC AAATCCACCA AACTATGAGC ATGATCAGTG GAGAAGTACC
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4751 AGATAATCTG AAAAATGCAT GTTTGATGA TTTTAGTATC TTGCGGACCC
 4801 TGGGTACCAAC CTAAGCTTTC ACACAGTAAT TTGCAGTTAC ACCTATAAAA
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 5001 TTGTTTGGGG CAATTCAGA TGGTGAATTG TAGCTGCTTG ATGTTGGCTA
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 5201 ATTTTTATTC AGCCTTCTTG CTGCAAAATA TAGACCATAAC GGTGTTTACA
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 5351 TATCGTCATA CTGTATGTTA TTTCAATGTC ATTAgGGTGT GGAGCCTGCA
 5401 AGTACATATC CTGATCTGGG ATTGCCACCT GAATGGTATG GAGCTtTAGA
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 5501 CAGTTAACCTT TTTGAAAGGA GCAGTTGTGA CAGCAGATCG AATTGTGACC
 5551 GTCAGTCAGG TGAAATACTC AATACTTCTC TTTTTTCTTT GCGGGATGTT
 5601 CTTCAGTTCA ATTGCCCTGT CTTTCACCCA ATTAAGAAAT GATTTAATCT
 5651 TTTGTTCTA GGGTTATTCA TGGGAGGTCA CAACTGCTGA AGGTGGACAG
 5701 GGCCtTCAATG AGCTCTTAAG CTCCCGAAAA AGTGTATGTA ATGGTAACTA
 5751 TATTTGAATC CACTTATCTT C.TTCTGAAA CATATTTACA GAAATAGATG
 5801 GATGGGTTGC AAGAATAAAAT TCAGTTGCT CTTTCGGTAT GAAGGAATTG
 5851 TAAATGGAAT TGACATTAAT GATTGGAACC CCACCCACAGA CAAGTGTCTC
 5901 CCTCATCATT ATTCTGTGCA TGACCTCTCT GGAAAGGTGT GTGGATAGTA

FIGURE 20c (cont.)

5951 CCcTATATAA TAACATGTAT ATCTGATC.T AGTACTTTCT TTTTCTTGC
6001 TAGTTGCTT CCCATGATGT TCTCACTAAC TAATCCTATG TGGTTGGCA
6051 TACTTGTCAg GCCAAATGTA AAGCTGAATT GCAGAAGGAG CTGGGTTTAC
6101 CTGTAAGGGA gGATGTTCCt CTGGTTaGAT ACAAAACCCcT aAGATATA
6151 TtTtTTAAAT CCCTAAAAAA AAcTTGCCGA TCATCTCaTT AGCTTGATTC
6201 ACAGATTGGC TtTATTGGAA GACTGGATTA CCAGAAAGGC ATTGATCTCA
6251 TTAAAATGGC CATTCCAGAG CTC

FIGURE 20c (cont.)

1 MAATGVGAGC LAPS VRLRAD PATAARASAC VVRARLRRILA RGRYVAELSR
51 EGPAARPAQQ. QQLAPPLVPG. FLAPPPPAPA QSPAPTQPPL PDAGVGELAP
101 DLLLEGIAED SIDSIIVAAS EQDSEIMDAN EQPQAKVTRS IVFVTGEAAP
151 YAKSGGLGDV CGSLPIALAA RGHRVMVMP RYLN GSSDKN YAKAL YTGKH
201 IKIPCFGGSN EVTFFHEYRD NVDWVFVDHP SYHRPGSLYG DNFGAFGDNQ
251 FRYTLLCYAA CEAPLILELG GYIYGQNCMF VVNDWHASLV PVLLAAKYRP
301 YGVYRDSRST LVIHNLAHQG LEPASTYPDL GLPPEWYGAL EWVFPEWARR
351 HALDKGEAVN FLKGAVVTAD RIVTVSQGYS WEVTTAEGGQ GLNELLSSRK
401 SVLNGIVNGI DIN DWNPTTD KCLPHHYSVD DL SGKA CKA ELQKELGLPV
451 REDVPLIGFI GRLDYQKGID LIKMAIPELM REDVQFVMLG SGDPIFEGWM
501 RSTESSYKDK FRGWVGFSVP VSHRITAGCD ILLMPSRFEP CGLNQLYAMQ
551 YGTVPVHGT GGLRDTVETF NPFGAKGEEG TGWAFSPLTV DKMLWALRTA
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Soluble Starch Synthase Genomic Clones

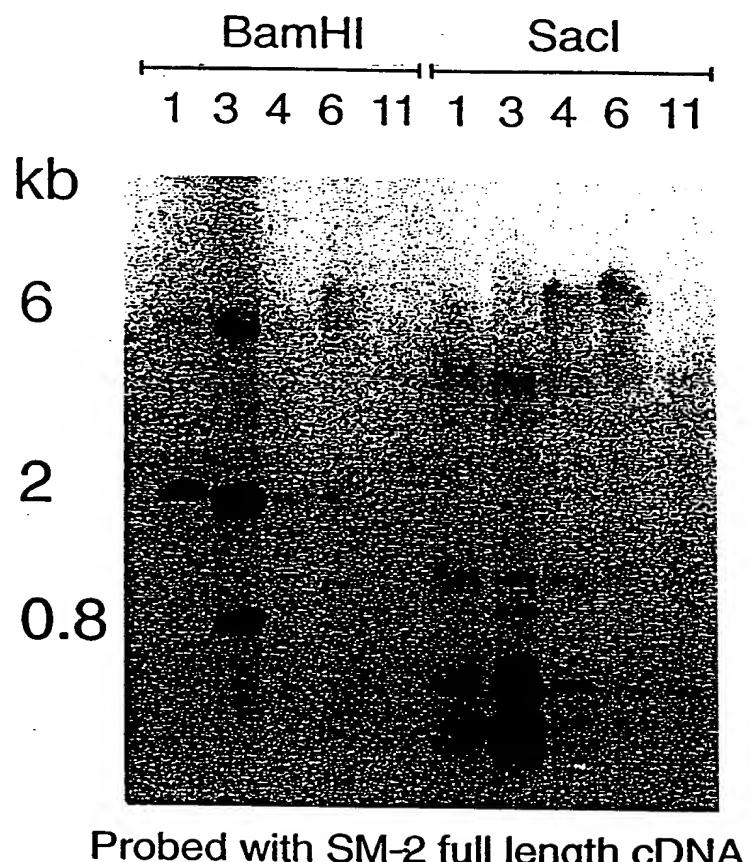


FIGURE 22

Comparison of Wheat and Rice Soluble Starch Synthase Genomic DNA Sequences

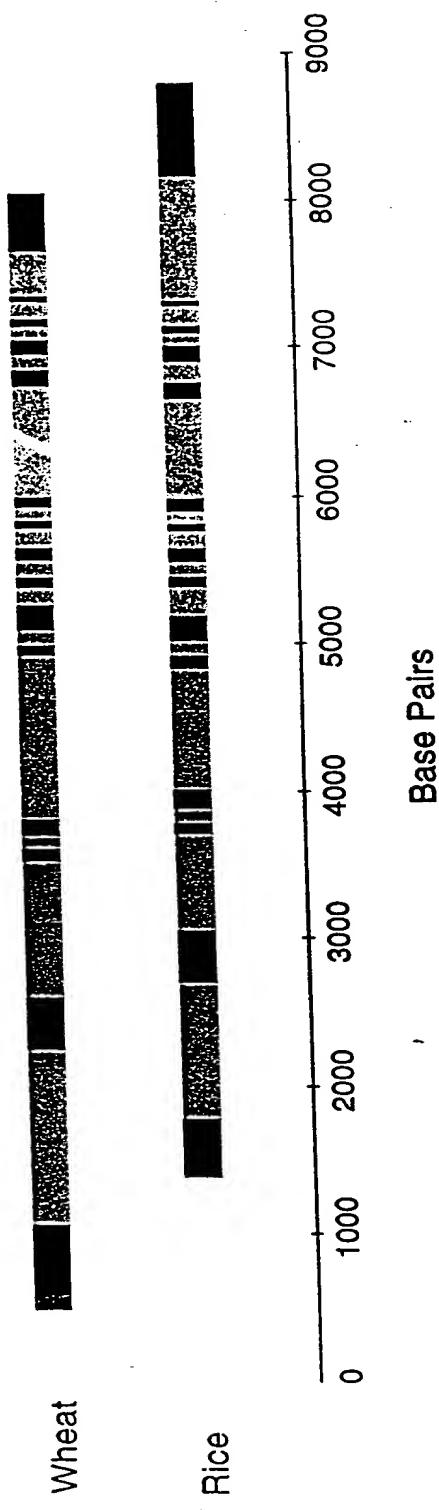


FIGURE 23

Wheat DNA probed with
Soluble Starch Synthase

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N7DT7B
N7BT7A

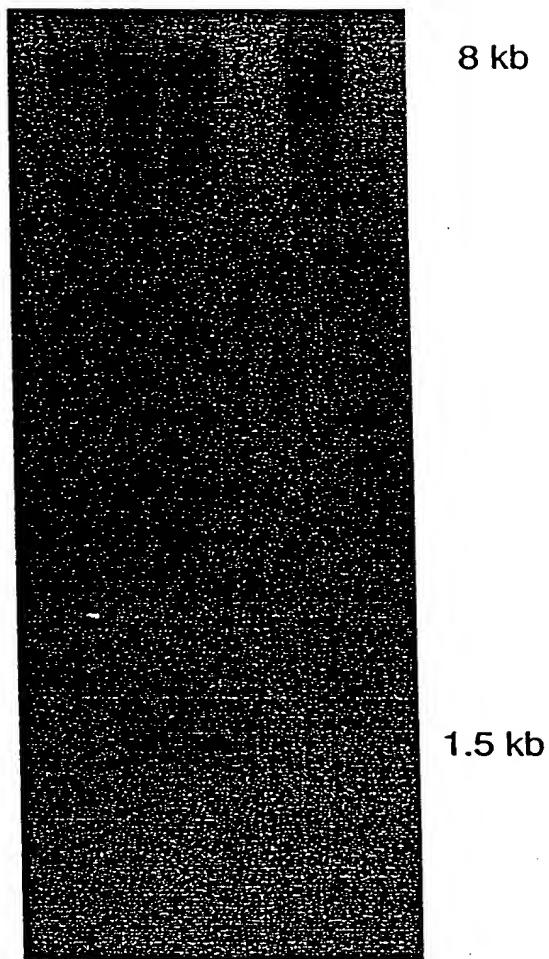


FIGURE 24

1 GAGCTCCGAG AAnAGATTCC TATCATCGTC TTGGTGAGGT GAGGTTATGG
 51 TTTCTTGTCA TGTGGGCAGA TTTGGTGCCA GATGCTTCAT ATCTATTCAA
 101 GGGTTCAGCG GCAACAACTG CGGCTCCAGA GCGATGGTCC TTAAGGGCAC
 151 GTGCACGAAG ACTTCACGGC TGTTATCGAC AAGGTCAAGC CGGCTCCGAT
 201 AGGGGAGCAG CGACAGCGGC GCGTCAACCG CTCGTTCTGG CGGCAGTAGT
 251 GGTCGTTCCGG TGCTCTCGGA ACCTCGATGT AATTTTTATG ATTTTAGAGA
 301 TGCTTTGTAc TTCCGATCGa TGAACCTCTGA TAATAGATAT CTcTTCTcTc
 351 GCAAAAAAAAG aGAGTTTTCA ActGAAAACA AAaGaGTTTC ActAGTTCTT
 401 CTTTTAGAAA CAGAGTTTCa cTAGCActTT TTTTGcGAG AAGTcGAGTT
 451 TCActAAAGTA cTAAaCCCAC GCAaTTATTC TCAAAAAAAA AACCCAcGcA
 501 ACTGTcTGgA TcCATCTTCG TTTTTTCCCC GAGAATCGTC TGgATcCATT
 551 TTCGTGTGCG AgGCATCCTC TCATTTTGcA cGgcCcAGcT cTcTTcTcGC
 601 CGGcGTAcGc TGctAcATgT cGgcAcTCcA cGCAAACAAA AaGAaGCCA
 651 ACCGAAAAcG cAccGcGCcTT TcCAgGcTCA ccACGGaAAA AAaTACcAcG
 701 cGCcGcTcAC GAgCAAACCG TgACAACAGC CAGCCAGATA TGGCAACGGA
 751 GGcACGGGCC GcACACAGCC ActGAAAACC GCAGcTGcTC TTCCGTCCGT
 801 CCGTCCcTCC GCCCGTCCGC gCcActCCAc TCGCCTTGCC CCActCCCCAc
 851 TCTTCTCTCC CCGCGCACAC CGAGTCGGCA CCGGCTCATC ACCCATCACY
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 1001 AGAGAGAGGC TTCGCCCCGG CCCGCACCGA GCGGGGCGAT CCACCGTCCG
 1051 TGCgtCCGCA CCTCCTCCGC CTCCTCCCT GTCCCGCGCG CCCACACCCA
 1101 TGG

Enzymes that do cut:

NONE

Enzymes that do not cut:

ECORT

FIGURE 26a

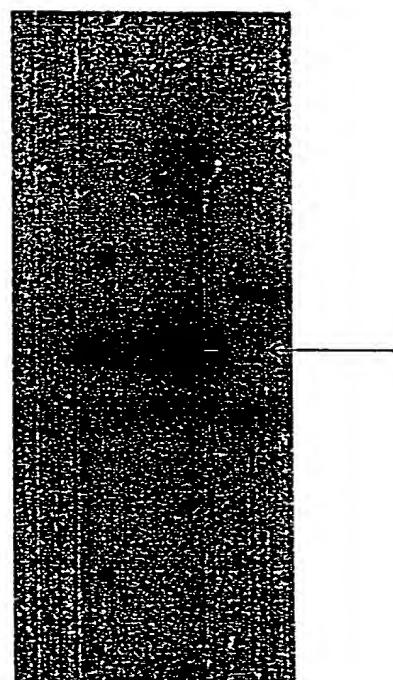
Comparison of Wheat Debranching Enzyme-I (WDBE-I) PCR fragment with maize *Sugary-1* DNA sequence

SUGARY.DNA	1098	1107	1117	1127	1137	1147	1157
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WHEAT1.DNA		...GATCATGGATTCATTCATTCACCATACAGCTGAGGTAAATGAGAATGGTCCAAAT					
	-3	6	16	26	36	46	56
FILE NAME	1158	1167	1177	1187	1197	1207	1217
SUGARY.DNA	ATTATCCCTTACGGGGATAGATAATAGTACATACATCTTGACCTAAAGGGAGGTT						
WHEAT1.DNA		ATTATCATTTAGGGGGGTGATATACTACATACATATGCTGACCCAAAGGGAGACTT					
	57	66	76	86	96	106	116
FILE NAME	1218	1227	1237	1247	1257	1267	1277
SUGARY.DNA	TTATAATTATTCTGGTTGTGAAATACTCTTCAATTGTAATCATCCTGTAATGTCCTGATT						
WHEAT1.DNA		TTATAACTATTCTGGCTGATGCTGGGAAATACTCTTCAACTGTAATCATCCTGTTCTGATT					
	117	126	136	146	156	166	176
FILE NAME	1278	1287	1297	1307	1317	1327	1337
SUGARY.DNA	TATAGCTGATTGCTTGTGATACTGGTAACAGAAATGCTGTTGATGGTTTCGTTTGA						
WHEAT1.DNA		CATTTGATTTGTTGAGTTGCTGGTACGGGAAATGGCATTTTGGTTTCGTTTGA					
	177	186	196	206	216	226	236
FILE NAME	1338	1347	1357				
SUGARY.DNA	CCTTGCTATCTATCT-G...						
WHEAT1.DNA		CCTTGCTATCTN--CTTAAA					
	237	246	256				
MATCHING PERCENTAGE							
TOTAL WINDOW	84%	(	219/	260)			
ALIGNMENT WINDOW	86%	(	219/	253)			

FIGURE 26b

Southern blot of *T. tauschii*
Genomic DNA

1X 3X



BamHI Digest

T. tauschii Genomic DNA Probed
With The Wheat Debranching Enzyme
PCR Product

Sequences of Primers which Direct PCR amplification of WSBEII-D1 introns

Intron	Forward primer	Forward primer Seq	Reverse primer	Reverse primer Seq	Predicted Length of Product
1	sr854.1180F	CTG GCT GAC TCA ATC ACT ACG	WSBE9E2R	GGC ACG AGT GTG TGT ACC TGT A	601
2	WBE2E1F	CGT CGC TGC TCC TCA GGA AG	WBE2E2R	CAG GAC CTT CCC TGG AGA GG	401
3	WBE2E2F	CGC AAC CTG AAG AAT TAC AQ	sr866F	TAT CTT CAG GTA TCT ACA GC	309
4	WBE2E3F	ATT TTG GGA GCC ATC TTG AC	WBE2E4R2	ATG CTT CCA ATC CAC CTT CA	>450
5	WBE2E4F	TCG TGG TTA TGA AAA GCT TGG	WBE2E5R	GAG CCC ATT CTC GGT AAG TGA	234
6	sr913F	ATC ACT TAC CQA QAA TGG Q	WBE2E6R	CTG CAT TTG GAT TCC AAT TG	232
7	WBE2E6F	ACA ATT GGA ATC CAA ATG CA	WBE2E7R	GGG AGG AAA ATC TCC CAA AC	402
8	WBE2E7F	AGC TAT TCC TCA TGG CTC AC	sr915F	CCA TTG AAA GGT ATT TCA CC	203
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FIGURE 28

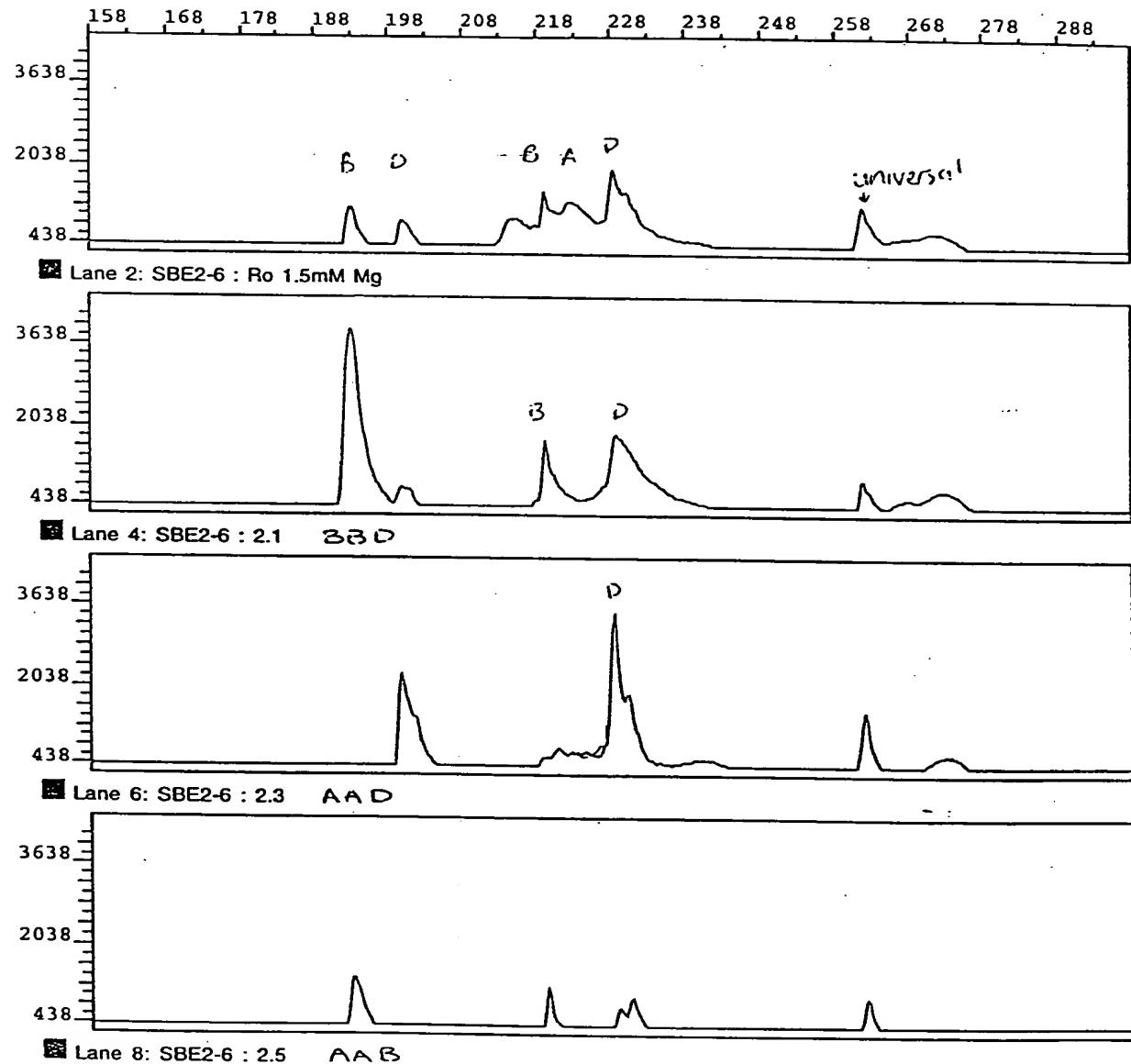


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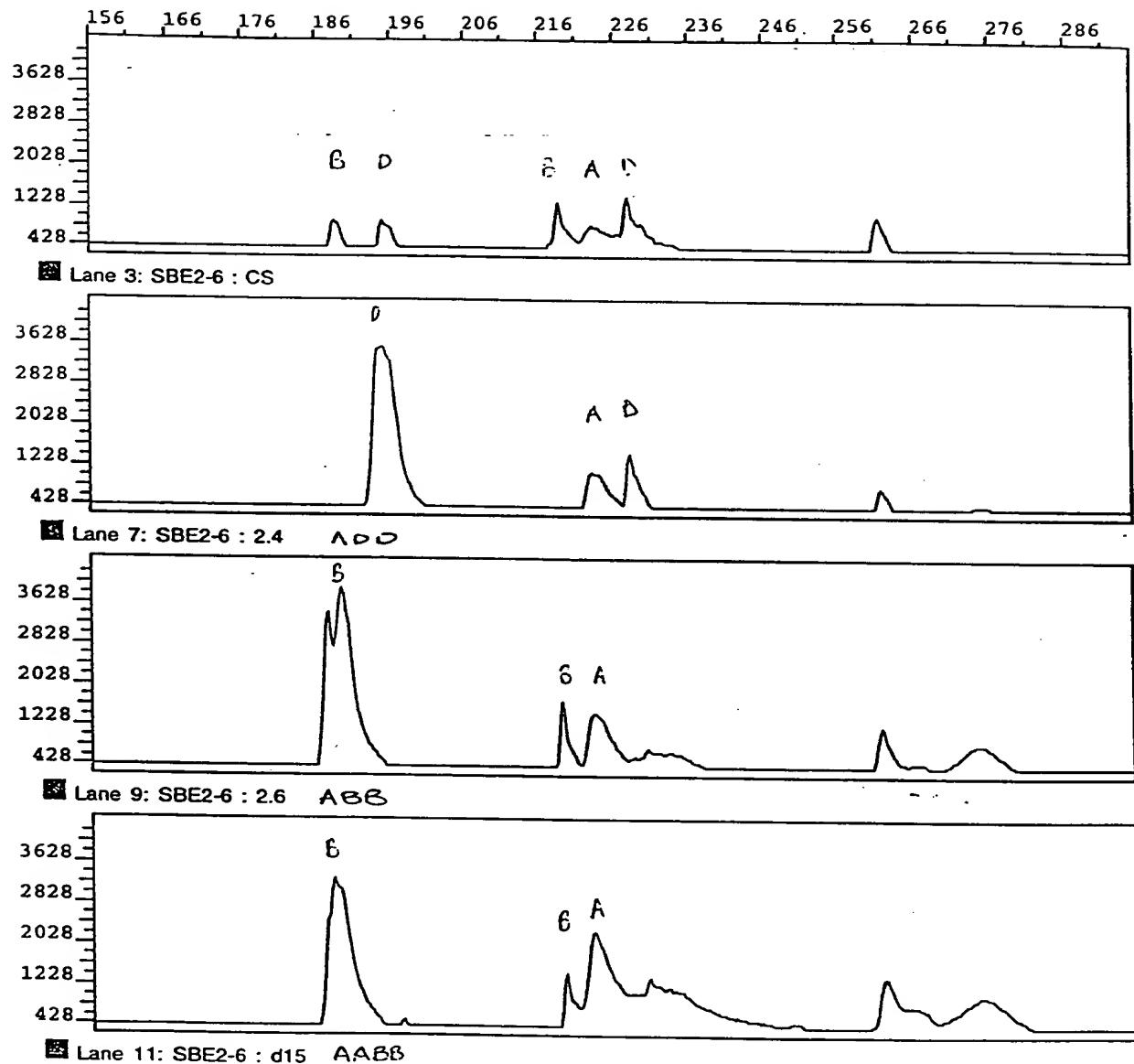
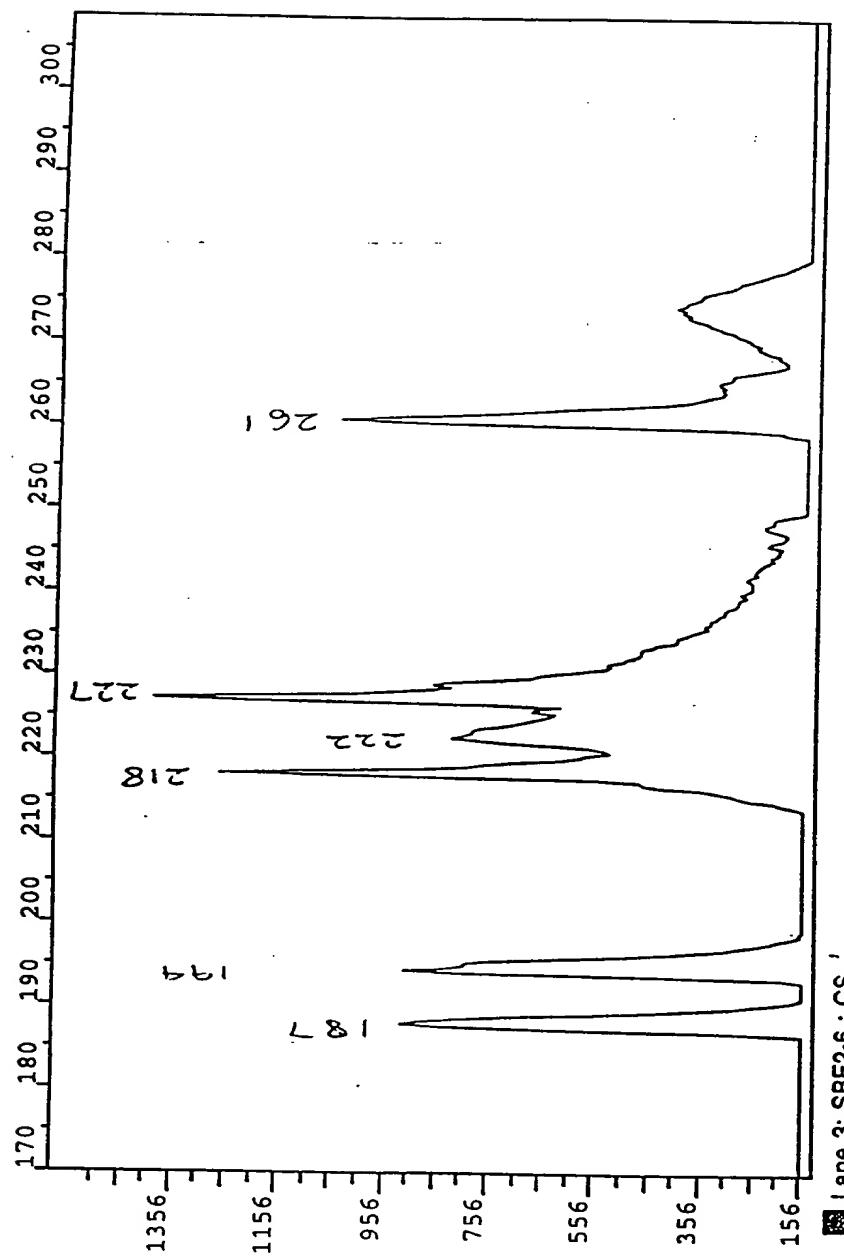
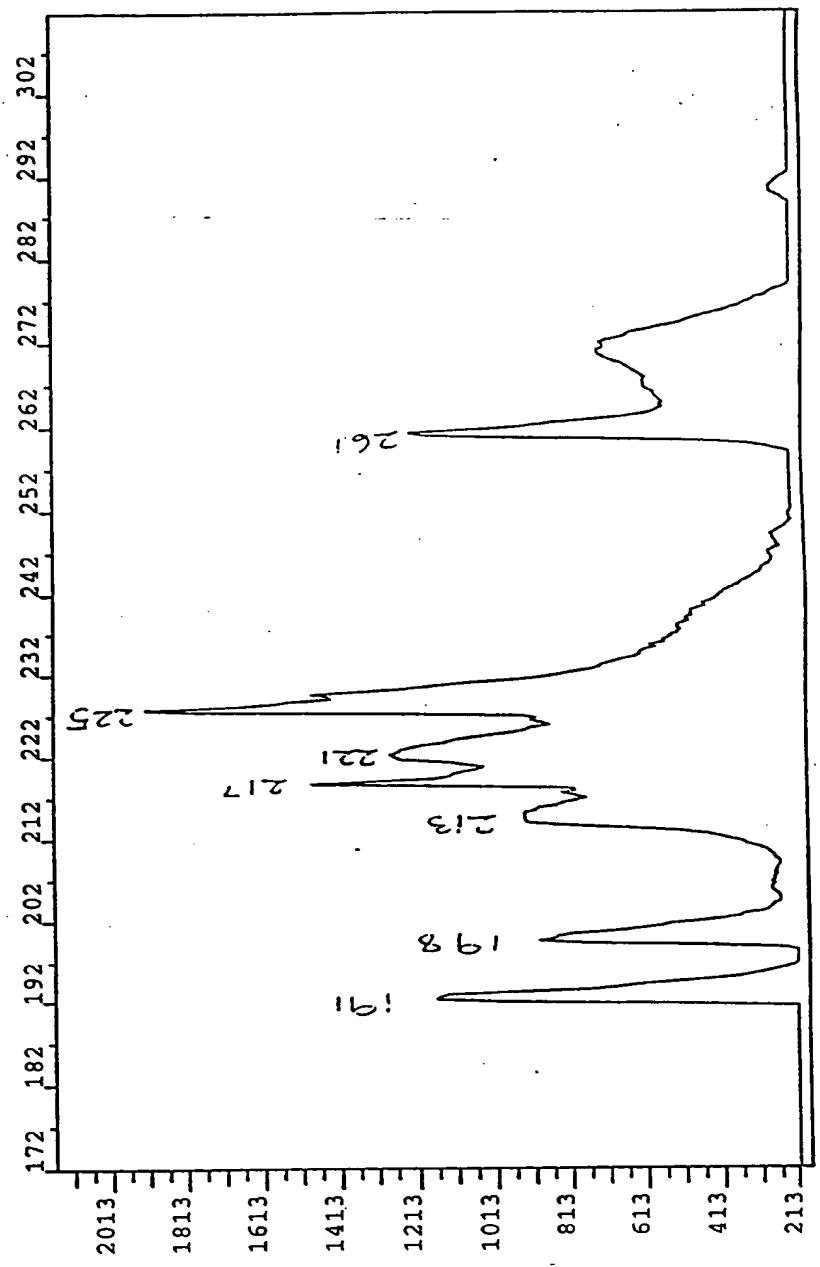


FIGURE 29 (cont.)



Lane 3: SBE2-6 : CS

FIGURE 30a



Lane 2: SBE2-6 : Ro 15 mM Mg

FIGURE 30b